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# Police force 'can no longer cope with thefts'

tide of burglaries and thefts has made the e ineffective and the public must assume nsibility for protecting its own property, Sir ert Mark, the former Metropolitan Police missioner, said yesterday. In London last only 9 per cent of burglaries were cleared The blame, he said, must rest not with the e but with successive governments since the which had treated the service with contempt pay and conditions.

## Sir Robert Mark blames ministers

ewart Tendler
Reporter

ain must accept the fact her undermanned police e can no longer cope with tide of burglaries and so private citizens must ie responsibility for pro- g their property, Sir t Mark, the former Com- ner of Metropolitan , said yesterday.

aking in London at a rence on the threat of to industry and com- , Sir Robert, never a man irk controversy, pointed to neffectiveness of policing imes against property and the blame at the doors of sive governments.

England and Wales police n against crimes of pro- has reached its lowest tiveness in living memory. situation in London was worse, with only 9 per of burglaries cleared up year.

The value of police and ts as protection against lary and theft, in London least, is negligible", Sir rt Mark said. "Robberies doubled in the past three s and for the first time last almost equalled the total the provinces." The clear- ate overall was 21 per cent. ie result has been a rise of per cent in the claims paid by the British Insurance ciation between 1973 and .

he fault does not lie with police, Sir Robert said, and one could blame them for ir inadequate numbers ched by the many tasks have to perform in keep- public order. He pointed out each year thousands of don policemen are assigned demonstrations.

iven the resources to hand, police have rightly concen- ed on crimes of violence ch provoke public disquiet. he blame, Sir Robert said, sts squarely upon every ernment since the war; se since 1964 being particu- y guilty". Lacking a trade on, the police had been ated with contempt in their ands on pay and conditions. ir Robert said the new deal the police was 10 years rdue and the harm in delay incalculable. Since the last war London had probably been one of the most under-policed capital cities of the world, he added.

But new pay rises and increased recruiting would not reduce crimes for profit unless increased detection was followed by the near certainty of conviction of the guilty. The growth of gangs like the Richardsons and the Krays in the 1960s had been facilitated by the acquittal of the deliberate wrongdoers.

At one time there was unjustifiable reliance on severe and barbaric punishment. Then capital and corporal punishment was removed, alongside a softening of reaction to criminals. That was followed by a resolute opposition to any change that would be likely to increase the effectiveness of the justice system.

Since 1967 "virtually every change in laws relating to criminal procedure and policy has been favourable to the wrongdoer". Today, Sir Robert said, governments are unlikely to show any special concern for the victims of crime against property.

Faced with various pressures, they would not contemplate strengthening the prosecution process and "prefer crime, liberty and votes to the restriction of liberty and consequent unpopularity necessary to reduce crime".

Sir Robert continued: "I am suggesting quite bluntly that for the first time in this century the belief that the state can or even wishes to protect people effectively from burglary, breaking offences and theft should be abandoned, at least in the great cities".

Putting pretence aside, citizens must assume responsibility for their property. Sir Robert said he was not advocating vigilante bands, but acceptance of the need for people to think constructively about protection against crime.

The security industry must command greater public confidence than it could claim at the moment. There should be a system of licensing, inspections and adequate vetting of staff. Sir Robert said such a system already existed for gaming and it could hardly be claimed that gaming justified the procedure while crimes against property did not.

New Pontiff places much weight on discipline in the Church but gives hope to ecumenical movement

# The Pope pledges to follow directives of the Second Vatican Council

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Oct 17

The new Pope, John Paul II, opened his pontificate today with a lofty message to the world which might have appeared somewhat daunting if Cardinal Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, had not added this afternoon that the pontiff's face could indeed look severe, "but when the recognition of a friend is there, it lights up in a lovely way".

That sums up the first impressions of this Polish Pope.

Speaking in Latin during Mass in the Sistine Chapel, the Pope made it clear that his policy would be one of continuity. Above all, he insisted on the constant importance of the second Vatican Council. He considered it his primary duty to promote the most exact execution of the norms and directives of the Council.

This insistence on the need to follow the Council was much in line with the policies of Paul VI, with whom he was undoubtedly close, and with the pledges made by his short-lived predecessor, John Paul I.

Nevertheless, there was a clearer tone in what he said than was usually the case with Paul VI: his definitions were more exact.

He will evidently be a demanding Pope on matters which he regards as of fundamental importance.

Over and above the Council he saw the need for total fidelity to the mission which he had received, and this he expressed in the most absolute terms in speaking of the scriptural authority of his own office.

He placed much weight on what he called "the great discipline of the Church". He said that discipline was not aimed only at mortification, but also as a guarantee for the correct ordering proper to the mystical body.

He pleased the ecumenists saying that the ecumenical cause was so great and delicate that he could not let it go unmentioned. It did not seem possible that there would still remain the drama of division among Christians, a cause of confusion, he said, and perhaps even of scandal.

"We intend, therefore, to proceed along the way already begun, by favouring those steps which serve to remove obstacles. Hopefully, then, thanks to a common effort we might arrive finally at full communion."

It was noticed that he made no reference in this initial message to the diocese of Rome, which for the first time since the sixteenth century has been placed in the hands of a non-Italian bishop. The fact that he overlooked his diocese gives the whole speech a much more pontifical character.

The effort was strong today among many of the cardinals as they left the conclave to diminish any political calculation in the selection, despite the clear significance of the choice of a Pope from a country not only extremely Catholic, but ruled by communists. Archbishop of Detroit, Cardinal Deardel, said in answer to questions on the political importance of the election: "I think you are putting more into the context he came from than we did."

All nine American cardinals were agreed that they had looked at the candidates' personal qualities rather than his political background. Cardinal Hume was a little more frank without being any more revealing. Asked whether the Sacred College was being deliberately misleading, or simply ingenuous in seeking to overlook the political importance of the election, he found a quotation from Queen Elizabeth I who, when asked whether she would marry, said something to the effect of: "Forsooth, my answer must be answerless."

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## Police are cleared over Liddle Towers

From Ronald Kershaw
Bishop Auckland

A unanimous verdict of death by misadventure was returned by a jury at Bishop Auckland, co Durham, last night at the second inquest on Mr Liddle Towers, aged 39, a boxing coach, who died in February 1976, three weeks after his arrest by the police.

The jury considered its verdict for an hour and three quarters after Mr Harold Hewitt, the coroner had summed up for five hours and eight minutes. He had told the jury that it could reach three possible verdicts: unlawful killing, misadventure, or open. A verdict of justifiable homicide, returned by the first jury two years ago and later set aside by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, was not a possibility, he said.

The coroner said the jury should reach a verdict of unlawful killing only if it was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that there was either an unlawful arrest and the violence in that arrest caused the death, or that unreasonable force was used during a lawful arrest and that unreasonable force caused death.

He said: "There may be circumstances in which you think in part of the arrest the force was unreasonable but that during another part there was violence used which was unreasonable.

"I do not know, it is a matter for you. But it is only if you are satisfied that the part of the force that was unreasonable caused the death that it would be unlawful killing."

If the jury thought, for example, that there was some kicking but that on the medical evidence the kicking did not cause the death, then, although it would be highly reprehensible for a police officer to do it, it would not be unlawful killing.

Under Coroners' Rules the jury could not reach a verdict that named a particular person as being responsible. "Therefore if you are driven to reach a verdict of unlawful killing it would not be open to you to say by whom, even if you could.

"If you think the force was reasonable in the circumstances, then you would return a verdict of death by misadventure even if you thought that, in the course of it, there were some acts that went beyond the bounds of proper conduct on the part of the police officers if you are not satisfied that these acts caused the death."

An open verdict would be the middle course but he warned the jurors: "It should not be used by you as a kind of

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A Vietnamese refugee playing on her first day in London. (Report, page 2.)

## TUC calls peace talks in 'Telegraph' dispute

New moves were made last night to settle the dispute at *The Daily Telegraph*, which has prevented publication of London editions for 12 days.

Management and union officials were invited to talks by Mr William Keys, chairman of the TUC's printing industry's committee.

The Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents most Fleet Street managements, has also asked for an urgent meeting with the Department of Employment.

The dispute began over a claim by 24 members of the National Graphical Association employed in the paper's London wire room for extra money to operate special equipment. The central issue now is whether such a claim should be negotiated by the chapel (union office branch) or the union's full-time regional officials.

The National Union of Journalists' chapel at the *Telegraph* yesterday voted by 42 to 17 to support the intervention of the TUC.

Miss Mary Ellen Synon, convener of the Institute of Journalists' chapter at *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*, which has 110 members, also called for an immediate resumption of production, with the dispute going to arbitration.

"I cannot believe that either side has anything to lose by such arbitration" she said. They have everything to lose by the disappearance of the newspaper in the South of England and its bowdlerized appearance in the North.

"Strike action for nearly a fortnight must undermine the future of the paper and its three thousand employees. It may turn away for ever thousands of readers."

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# Ministers planning a new pay restraint pact with the unions

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Government is working for a new agreement with the TUC over pay policy, not simply an improvement on the present 5 per cent guideline, which most unions reject.

That hopeful objective was disclosed by senior ministers as some of their colleagues last night, led by Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, resumed talks with the TUC on the 5 per cent limit.

The new agreement is not expected to be in place by the time of the state opening of Parliament on November 1. But the Government, ebulliently confident of surviving the vote after the Queen's Speech on November 8, is hoping that by the end of the year Mr Callaghan will have something solid to announce.

The few hints available of what the Government has in mind point to a more comprehensive agreement with the TUC than the attempts last year and this to impose a guideline; rather to the agreement on Phase Two in 1976, the last time the TUC assented to pay retraint.

At that time the Government claimed that the average pay limit would finish at about 4½ per cent, in return for which the Government promised a series of social measures and was required to press ahead with, socialist policies, including such things as nationalization, increases in expenditure and a wealth tax, which has still not appeared.

It is not certain how many new policies the Government will be able to offer the unions in the Queen's Speech, although the joint TUC-Labour Party document, *Into the Eighties: an Agreement* points the way to new policies.

It is possible that some of them may be put to Parliament even though both Government and unions accept that their chance of passage is slight until Labour is returned with a majority.

The important point being made is that the unions wish to end the appearance of rupture with the Government; and the Government wishes to restore the authority that was savaged by the unions with the passage at the Labour Party conference of the resolution opposing all wage restraints.

A new agreement could be presented as meeting those requirements.

The Cabinet yesterday was said not to have discussed the current situation regarding strikes and pay policy.

The Queen's Speech is said to be all but complete, but there remains a last joint meeting next Monday to discuss it between the Cabinet and the newly left-tilted National Executive committee.

Mr Dennis Skinner, the left-wing MP for Bolsover, has given notice that he will use his election to the NEC to try to harass Mr Callaghan into massive new spending.

However that may be, ministers suggest that there will be enough in the Queen's Speech to attract support from, or to encourage abstention by, enough MPs in the minority parties to see the Government past whatever motion the Conservatives put down.

A Bill fulfilling the Speaker's Conference recommendations to increase the number of Ulster MPs at Westminster is certain, although it cannot come into force until after the next general election.

Also certain are orders for the devolution referendums in Scotland and Wales, to be held probably next March or April.

### OTHER PAY NEWS

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## Refugee Croat journalist living in London shot dead at friend's Paris flat

From Ian Murray
Paris, Oct 17

Mr Bruno Busic, a Yugoslav journalist living in exile in London, was shot dead last night as he returned to the flat of a friend with whom he was staying in Paris.

Mr Busic, aged 39, was actively involved in politics and was known for his opposition to the regime of President Tito. He was a member of the management committee of the Croat nationalist organization Matika.

His murder occurred just before midnight as he was returning to the flat in the Rue de Belleville, north-eastern Paris, where he was staying with a compatriot. Access to the building is through a grill into a small internal courtyard from which a staircase leads to the upper floors.

As he was crossing the courtyard a man ran up behind him. According to one of the tenants, who happened to be at his window closing the shutters at the time, Mr Busic spun round as he heard the footsteps. As the man got within a couple of paces he pulled out a gun and fired five shots at point blank range into the Croat nationalist's head.

The killer then fled into the street.

Tenants alerted by the shots ran down stairs and found that Mr Busic, although bleeding profusely, was not unconscious. He was apparently able to mutter some words before he collapsed and died giving the French crime squad something to work on.



Mr Bruno Busic: Virulent articles attacking Yugoslavia.

While releasing no official information so far, it is understood that the police are convinced that the attack was prompted by political considerations.

Mr Busic was a prominent Croat nationalist and wrote virulent articles in both Britain and France, attacking the Yugoslav regime. He was also known to act as a go-between for the different Croat nationalist groups in Europe. His latest pamphlet attacking President Tito appeared only a few days ago.

Matika, although it opposes the present Yugoslav regime, is not as extremist a group as the Ustashi organization which fights for complete Croat independence. However, it seems that Mr Busic had recently been adopting a stronger personal line than the organization itself.

Stewart Tendler writes: Mr Busic fled from Yugoslavia in 1975 after serving a two-and-a-half-year prison sentence for his writings. Based in London, he became a leading propagandist among exiled Croats and, apparently fearing attack, led a cautious, discreet existence.

Elected last year as general secretary for propaganda and press to the Croat National Congress, Mr Busic was banned from visiting West Germany earlier this year as a terrorist suspect.

But Mr Busic was related to Mr Vonko Busic, who led an aircraft hijacking by Croat nationalists in 1976, and his friends admit they do not know how far his involvement in Croat politics may have taken him.

## tonehouse operation elayed by dispute

Mr John Stonehouse, the led former Labour minister. seriously ill and due to under- major heart surgery, his nily and his former mistress, s Sheila Buckley, said last ght. Hammersmith Hospital nfirmed that he needs a heart eration but said it might be layed by protest action.

A statement issued by Mr onehouse's children said that he did not have the opera- on soon, and suffered another art attack, "if he does not e he will almost certainly suf- r paralysis".

Arteries would be taken from e leg and used as a by-pass r the blocked ones around the art, the statement said.

The family says that, because of protest action, it might be four or five weeks before Mr Stonehouse can have the operation.

The Home Office said it could not discuss treatment for Mr Stonehouse but added that recent tests were not brought about by a change in his condition.

The hospital said: "We do not know when he will be coming because of the strain we are working under. Each case is considered on clinical merits. Mr Stonehouse will be given the same priority as anyone else. We are down to one autoclave serving the whole hospital."

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## Record paid for 1855 stamp

Hamburg, Oct 17.—The world's second most sought-after stamp, an 1855 Swedish three shilling issue, was auctioned here today for a record DM 1m. (£270,000).

The stamp, thought to be the only one of its kind, was bought by a Hamburg lawyer acting for an anonymous private collector. It was last bought in 1950 by a French collector. The world's most sought-after stamp, from British Guyana, fetched about £209,000 in New York in 1970.—Agence France-Presse.

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## Boycott wants to meet full committee only

second invitation by Yorkshire CCC to eoffrey Boycott to meet their cricket committee brought a statement from him that e would be glad to meet the general ommittee. By inference this means that Boycott wishes to have no dealings with he body that sacked him from the captaincy. Boycott, who is due to leave with the England team on Tuesday, says n a letter to *The Times* he hopes the matter will be resolved this week "so that I can fly to Australia knowing that my efforts to eradicate disloyalty have achieved success".

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## EEC prosecution likely

A decision is expected today from the European Commission to prosecute Britain in The European Court of Justice for several of the recent fish conservation measures introduced unilaterally. Page 8

## Briton's Nobel prize

The Nobel Prize for chemistry has been awarded this year to Dr Peter Mitchell of Bodmin, Cornwall, for his work on the energy supply systems in living cells. The physics prize is shared by a Russian, Professor Piotr Kapitsa of Moscow, and two Americans, Dr Arno A. Penzias and Dr Robert W. Wilson of New Jersey

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## Karpov set for victory

Viktor Korchnoi's gallant attempt to win the world chess championship appears to have failed at the very last moment. There is virtually no hope of saving his position in the adjourned thirty-second game and Anatoly Karpov, the world champion, appears to have won his battle to retain his crown Page 8

## Sex case sentence

A teenage gang, three boys and two girls, were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court to imprisonment and detention for a sexual attack on a girl aged 13. Judge King-Hamilton, QC, ordered an investigation into how the girl had managed to get out of a council hostel Page 3

## Threat to Phalangists

Arab foreign ministers have issued eight recommendations at the end of their summit conference on Lebanon which would effectively curb the country's Christian militias. In Washington, Israel and Egypt have agreed on arbitration should disputes arise during implementation of the peace treaty being finalized there. President Carter is to have separate meetings with both delegations Page 8

## Prisoners' leave

The Home Office is urgently considering ways of giving prisoners more home leave. One idea being examined is to give family leave at regular intervals after expiry of part of a sentence, irrespective of the length of the sentence. Christmas visits home by people with young families are also being considered Page 2

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HOME NEWS

# Vauxhall union leaders issue strike notice after impasse in talks

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Union leaders representing 26,000 Vauxhall manual workers gave 14 days' strike notice last night in support of their claim for basic pay rises of more than 5 per cent.

Union negotiators who failed to win an increase in a basic rate offer of rises of between 4.2 and 4.95 per cent will seek endorsement of the strike call at meetings in Vauxhall plants at Dunstable, Luton and Ellesmere Port in the next few days.

Day-long talks in a London hotel ended after the 16 union negotiators had stuck to their demand that the basic rate offer must be improved before they will consider proposals for a productivity deal, on which the company pinned its hopes of a settlement.

Mr Ernest McGowan, secretary of the union side of the Vauxhall joint negotiating council, said: "No further meetings are planned at present."

The Vauxhall settlement usually follows that at Ford. It had been expected in some quarters that a breakdown would not be reached at least until the outcome of the Ford strike.

The union negotiators were angered that the only new improvement by the company was an offer of a 1.5 per cent "attendance allowance", if employees worked a full 40-hour week and production levels were maintained.

They pointed out, as TUC leaders met the Government's economic ministers at the Treasury last night to discuss how some accommodation might be reached on pay policy, that Ford's 57,000 manual workers had already been offered of 8 per cent on base rates.

The basic rate rise would yield between £260 and £382 a year for day-shift workers, giving them between £66.40 and £83 a week. Night-shift workers would get between £4.14 and £6.66 more, bringing them to between £88.53 and £110.66

Mr Geoffrey Moore, director of personnel and industrial relations at Vauxhall, which, unlike Ford has not made a total profit this year, said after the talks: "Government pay policy did not feature in our discussions at any time. We have consistently negotiated against the background of the company's needs, and how we believe employees' aspirations can best be met".

Mr Moore said the company was seeking "a meaningful productivity plan" to take advantage of the demand created by new models and streamlining of production policies.

Last year the company's operating profit was £15m but it had a net loss of £2m. Mr Moore gave a warning that the situation was still unsatisfactory.

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# Kodak strike call over 5% pay offer rejected

Transport and General Workers' Union members at Kodak factories and offices voted overwhelmingly last night against a strike aimed at securing pay rises over 5 per cent.

Mr Tod Sullivan, national officer of the union, dismissed the suggestion that the vote should be seen as support for the pay guidelines. "At all the meetings no one said they were in love with the government pay policy", he said.

Despite the call by the union leadership for a strike, the workforce seems prepared to accept something close to the company's original offer of a 5 per cent wage rise together with a productivity deal expected to yield about 8 per cent on basic rates.

Most of Kodak's 8,250 manual and junior staff are represented by the TGWU, but the call to strike also involved engineering, electrical and cinematographic unions.

The union will have talks with the management on the basis of the company offer that has already been accepted by two thousand senior staff who belong to the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

Mr Sullivan said it was not a vote to accept the company offer, but to examine it in more detail. The company has said that any agreement could be reconsidered if the national situation over pay policy changed.

## We have lost our home so we will rebuild it in England, escape organizer says

# Vietnamese refugees taste British way of life

By David Nicholson-Lord

The 346 Vietnamese refugees who arrived in London on Monday after being rescued by a British ship in the South China Sea yesterday began adjusting to the British way of life with a breakfast of scrambled eggs and coffee, and an impromptu game of football in the yard of the former army barracks where they will live for the next two months. They acquainted themselves creditably in both tests.

The refugees' first full day in Britain was largely spent in equipping themselves, helped by supplies of woollen clothing from the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, to meet the rigours of the British climate, and spreading their scanty belongings around the spartan dormitories of the Kensington Students' Centre. For the children it was a day of playing with newly acquired toys.

The refugees will be in quarantine until the end of the week; by then they will have undergone medical tests, including X-rays and examination for tuberculosis and freedom from infection. Although five children have measles and four have conjunctivitis, their health is generally good.

Many manufacturers have offered free products to the British Council for Aid to Refugees, which is organizing the Vietnamese reception and resettlement. Gifts have included shoes, cigarettes, razor blades, soft drinks, children's clothing and nappies and milk and bread. The centre was visited yesterday by Mr Benjamin Franklin, Mayor of Peterborough, which has offered council homes for 10 families.

Some of the refugees spoke yesterday about their life in Vietnam and what led them to the escape from which they were rescued on October 1 by the Wellpark.

Mr Tran Boi Huynh, aged 35, was a textile engineer in Saigon until he lost his job after the communist takeover. With his wife and his son, aged six and daughter, aged nine, he had spent two years planning to escape.

He lost his job because he had been a citizen of the Saigon Government. "I could do nothing after I was fired, because I was not allowed to work or to leave my house. The communists told me they did not want me any more. All I could do was to sell the things in my home to support ourselves."

Later he was ordered to take his family into the country, where there was no water, food or housing, to help in building a new economic zone.

"We tried to explain that we had children and that they needed medical care", he said. "I told them I had not learnt farming and could do a much more useful job than that. We tried to argue with them but they just said 'the party wants you to do this so you must do it'."

Last spring the communists arrived at his house to take a register of his belongings. The Huynhs left home and moved around the city staying with relatives and friends to avoid being sent into the wilds.

The escape was also planned with the other refugees. Mr Huynh said they left Vietnam on September 28 hoping to reach Malaysia, because that was "the nearest place". After two of their three boats had sunk they were rescued from the remaining craft, itself badly damaged, by the Wellpark.

Like all the refugees, Mr Huynh was profuse in his gratitude to the crew of the Wellpark and the British Government. "Under the communists, you are not allowed to have any freedom", he said. "Every human being has the right to live, and to speak and think without interruptions. I was not asked to join the party, but I would not have joined, anyway. They cannot control our thoughts."

He hoped to find the same kind of work in Britain as he had in Saigon. "We have lost our home, so we will rebuild it in England."

Another refugee, who would not give his name for fear of reprisals against relatives in Vietnam, said he had worked as an interpreter for the American Forces but changed his job shortly before the communist takeover when the American company for which he was a driver was nationalized.

He had been forced to sell clothing, furniture, radio sets and other belongings to support his family. After nationalization he had worked 12 hours a day for a sixth of the wages he had received before. Every evening he had to attend party meetings.

He had feared that the regime might discover his connexion with the American Forces. "I decided that if I stayed with the communists I must die", he said. "If I escaped, maybe I would have a chance."

He and his family of five other adults and three children had previously made two unsuccessful escape attempts.

# UN calls consultations among 'host' states

Geneva, Oct 17.—Substantive consultations on resettlement of Indochina refugees are soon to be held under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The consultations, expected to be in Geneva, will bring together representatives of all countries affected by the continuing flow of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia, the 10-day meeting of the 31-nation UNHCR executive committee decided yesterday.

It also decided that the UN Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization must be notified in future whenever a ship disregards its international legal obligation to take on board refugees whose lives are in danger on the high seas.

It called on all states to instruct vessels sailing under the flag to comply and pointed out that coastal states had a similar responsibility to provide at least temporary asylum. The resolution said the number of recipient countries must be widened. Not enough places of resettlement were yet available. Procedures must be accelerated and aid increased.

The committee urged states that have ratified the 1951 Convention on Refugees or the 1967 protocol to issue travel documents on request to refugees. It said the documents should "have a wide validity, both geographically and in time".

Of the estimated 250,000 Indochina refugees since early 1975, 115,000 have still to find permanent homes. About 25,000 of the 60,000 boat people are not yet resettled.

The initiative for that fresh examination came from Australia, whose Foreign Minister, Mr Andrew Peacock, last week emphasized the need to seek an international solution.

# Civil Service NEC refuses advisory role

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

The dismissed national executive committee of the Civil and Public Services Association, the biggest Civil Service union, met for the last time yesterday after it had refused to carry on in an advisory role pending fresh elections. Results of an immediate ballot should be known in December.

The dominant left wing rejected appeals from Mr Kenneth Thomas, the general secretary, and Mr Leonard Lever, the president, to accept a temporary advisory status.

The "erroneously" elected executive was told yesterday that the union's returning officer stood by Mr Lever's decision to call elections. The proposition that if the executive continued it would have no authority other than in advising full-time officers was rejected by all 19 left-wingers present, but accepted by the three right-wingers in attendance.

Elections for the 26 voting posts on the national executive, and for the presidential and two vice-presidential seats, are normally held at the union's policy-making conference.

The crisis arose after scrutineers had reported that 20 branches in casting votes in the presidential and vice-presidential elections last May, did not comply with the rule that branches may vote only for those candidates they have nominated.

Had the votes been cast according to the rules, the scrutineers said, Mrs Kate Losinska, a right-winger, and not Mr Peter Coltman, a communist, would have been elected as one of the two vice-presidents.

# 'Morning Star' faces £10,000 costs

By Ian Bradley

Costs of up to £10,000 are expected to be awarded today against the *Morning Star* after its unsuccessful High Court action against Express Newspapers last week.

The paper and the Communist Party are in severe financial difficulties and are likely to be gravely embarrassed by the costs, which arise from an attempt to obtain an injunction banning the Express Group from calling its new paper the *Daily Star*.

Mr Christopher Myant, assistant editor of the *Morning Star*, said yesterday that, like other papers, it had built into its budget a contingency fund to cover libel actions and other legal costs, but he added the paper was in serious financial difficulties. Circulation is slipping and the monthly fighting fund has met the target of £5,000 which is necessary to keep the paper solvent in only four months out of the past nine.

He said that if the price and circulation of the *Morning Star* remained constant it would lose £185,000 next year. About four fifths of the paper's revenue comes from sales, the rest being made up from advertising, the fighting fund, donations, legacies and contributions from staff, rent, and investments in local authority stock and Co-operative bonds.

The latest circulation figure in Britain for the paper is 20,891. In 1975 it was about 27,000.

Mr George Matthews, head of press and publicity, disclosed that the Communist Party is seriously considering moving its headquarters from the building in King Street, Covent Garden, which it has occupied since its foundation in 1920.

He said: "Our existing premises now require a lot of work to be done and we are looking around to find somewhere in a better state of repair. We are investigating alternative buildings and seeking advice on how much we could sell our existing headquarters for."

Sheila Black, page 16

# Casino fails in appeal to retain licence

Le Cercle casino club at Les Ambassadeurs, which opened in Mayfair when gambling was made legal in 1961, failed in its appeal yesterday to retain its gaming licence.

The club appealed at Knightsbridge Crown Court against the refusal of South Westminster Betting and Licensing Committee to renew its licence under the Gaming Act, 1968.

Judge Stucley dismissed the appeal.

He had been told that the Gaming Board opposed renewal because of convictions against the company and a former managing director for breaches of section 16 of the Gaming Act, which stipulates that cheques must be banked within 48 hours.

The board applied for £8,000 costs, the licensing justices for £3,000 and the Metropolitan Police for £1,500, but the judge awarded only £3,000 from central funds to the licensing justices.

# Controversy in the Towers case

From Ronald Kershaw
Bishop Auckland

A new look into the death of Mr Liddle Towers, aged 39, an electrician, at Birtley, co Durham, was ordered by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court after it had quashed a verdict of justifiable homicide returned by the jury at the first inquest at Durham in 1976. The Divisional Court held that on the evidence presented, and despite an adequate summing-up, the wrong verdict had been returned. Yesterday a verdict of death by adventure was returned by a jury at the second inquest.

One of the essential differences between the two inquests was that at the second police officers who, on legal advice, had declined to give evidence at the first gave evidence and were cross-examined by counsel. No fewer than 57 witnesses gave evidence over the first six days of the seven-day hearing at Bishop Auckland's inauspicious-looking town hall, the most outstanding feature of which was its squeaky floor.

No one has sought to paint Mr Towers as anything other than what he was, a rough, tough, cursing Geordie, who, according to one police witness who had been on friendly terms with him for eight years, had a somewhat better side than the events of January 15 and 16, 1976, might have led one to believe.

According to Mrs Mary Towers, his mother, with whom he lived at Pelaw Crescent, South Pelaw, Chester-le-Street, he was keen on football until he was 13 and then joined the local boxing club at Chester-le-Street. After his father's death, three years ago, he became more involved than ever in the Riverside Boxing Club, taking over from his father as organizer.

On the night he suffered internal injuries from which he died, January 15, 1976, Mr Towers left home driving his yellow Ford Capri for the boxing club and later for a drink with Mr Patrick McCurry, a fellow boxing coach, and Mrs Joyce Jacques, a friend, both of whom gave evidence at both inquests.

What happened in the succeeding hours is a matter of record. It has provided one of the most controversial matters the legal system has had to handle.

The authorities have been exercised by such considerations as policemen refusing to give evidence at a coroner's court, a public inquiry being sought by campaign sympathizers, MPs calling for a debate in the House, complaints being made against police officers, and reports of a deal that no action would be taken against them.

At the second inquest points of conflict in the view of expert medical witnesses about how Mr Towers got his injuries added to the difficulties.

Confusion in the minds of witnesses constantly arose when counsel compared and contrasted statements made by witnesses last August at the invitation of the Chief Constable of Northumbria's legal advisers, with statements and evidence taken in 1976 at the first inquest and with evidence they were giving at the second inquest. Always came the cry from the unfortunate witnesses: "Well, it was a long time ago".

There was the mysterious police inspector who, according to Mr John William Willis, a part-time taxi driver, arrived on the scene outside the Key Club, when, according to police records, there was no police inspector within miles of the incident that night.

There was Mr Vernon McKenna, a young man who intervened in Mr Towers's arrest and was himself arrested for being drunk and disorderly. In a refreshingly forthright manner, he told the court that when one went to Gateshead police station for being drunk and disorderly one got a bit of a clout around and was let out the following morning. He was surprised that he did not get a godd hiding.

No one at the inquest seemed to know why Police Constable David Arthur Lambert, who was jailer the night Mr Towers was arrested, refused to make a written statement, as the rest of his police colleagues had done, to officers investigating the death in 1976. He could not be asked about it because he is even now in a hospital intensive care unit after a heart attack.

# Home Offi reviews extension jail leave

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspond

Ways of giving pris more home leave are urgently considered by Home Office. The possib being examined in extending the number time span of leave for g of prisoners eligible for it.

The scheme would be to include adult prisoners ing 18 months or more. adult male and young soners in local prisons w sentence of three year more, an extension to home leave periods is considered.

Another idea being e ined is leave on a diff basis: family leave at re intervals after expiry of of a sentence, but irrespe of the length of sentence.

Thus, a suitable pris might have weekend after serving, say nine mo and other similar leaves e three months, with a w terminal leave in the month of sentence.

The great merit of h leave is that it prepare prisoner for release enables him or her to main contact with the family, h ing to keep it together. Mu support is one way of help to keep a person out of trou later. Inability to cope outs prison is a reason why pe return to crime. Christ visits home by people young families are also be considered.

Allowing a prisoner to home more often to the fan could be a less clumsy costly device than mak arrangements for the family have extended visits to female prisoners.

In evidence to the House Commons Expenditu Committee, Lord Harris Greenwich, Minister of State the Home Office, said in Ju that he was anxious to ahead with a scheme f children's visits that sta would approve.

Given the pressure on t prison system, the officers a less likely to protest at plan for more home leave. Th machinery for it already exists.

Obviously prisoners in hig security detention do not ge home leave. Prison Departmen experience of others who do i that, if they overstay, they are easily picked up and the risk of crimes being committed by those chosen is small. They have too much to lose.

Most men prisoners serving sentences of three years or more in training prisons are now considered for two periods of home leave in the last nine months of their sentences. The same applies to nearly all women serving sentences of three years or more.

In general, allowing more prisoners to go home more often seems to be finding more favour in the prison service than the idea of weekend prison. But ways have to be found of not discriminating against single prisoners who have no home to go to.

# Operation on Mr John Davies

Mr John Davies, the Conservative spokesman on foreign affairs, who was admitted to hospital on Saturday, was making as good progress as could be expected after nerve surgery, the party's Central Office announced last night.

He will be in hospital for several weeks and has been advised to cancel all engagements until the new year.




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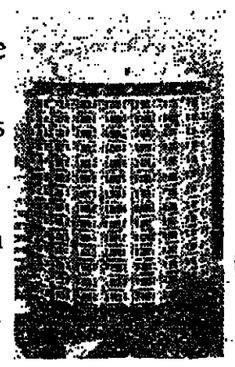
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# Open verdict not for use as 'bolt-hole'

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bolt-hole". It should be returned only if, after mature consideration, they were still left in reasonable doubt as to one way or the other.

Earlier, Mr Hewitt had reminded them that at the beginning of the inquest he had told them that no one was on trial. He said: "I do not know that it may have occurred to you from time to time during the course of the hearing that it was beginning to take on some characteristics of a trial in view of the vigour and length and depth of the questions that were being asked."

It was beyond dispute that Mr Towers met his death as the result of violence when he was in police hands.

"On the face of it, it gives cause for concern", the coroner said. "Therefore, in the interests of making sure that the matter was fairly and completely investigated, I permitted questions to be asked with some vigour."

Later, Mrs Mary Towers, Mr Towers's mother, said: "I can live with this verdict. I could not live with the other."

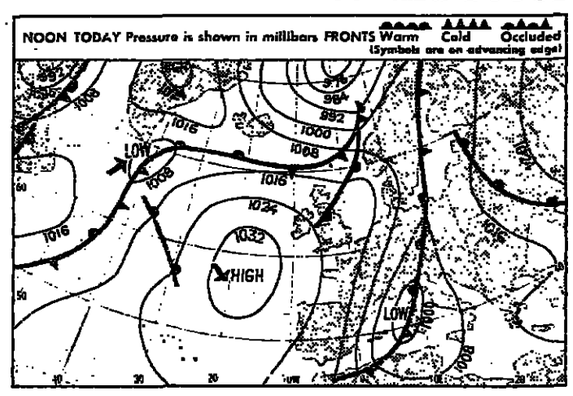
Mrs Marion Woods, Mr Towers's sister, complained that the coroner had not admitted statements made by her brother just before he died.

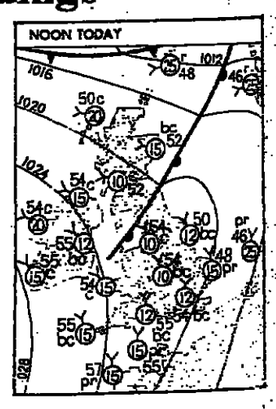
Mr Brian Spoor, the Tyneside solicitor who represented eight policemen during the hearing, said he thought the verdict a proper one.

The Rev Ralph Bell, of Otterburn, chairman of the Liddle Towers Committee, which has campaigned for a public inquiry for the past two years, expressed dissatisfaction at the coroner's decision not to admit evidence which, he said, Mr Towers gave on his deathbed.

Mr Geoffrey Dunn, secretary of the Northumbria Police Federation, said the verdict exonerated the police officers in the case.

# Weather forecast and recordings




## Today

Sun rises: 7.29 am Sun sets: 6.2 pm
Moon sets: 9.44 am Moon rises: 7.35 pm
Last quarter: October 24
Lighting up: 6.32 pm to 7.1 am.

High Water: London Bridge, 3.50 am, 7.4m (24.4ft); 4.3 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.23 am, 13.7m (44.8ft); 9.44 pm, 13.7m (44.8ft). Dover, 12.50 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 1.6 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Hull, 8.0 am, 7.7m (25.1ft); 8.27 pm, 7.4m (24.4ft). Liverpool, 12.58 am, 9.7m (31.7ft); 1.19pm, 9.5m (31.1ft).

High pressure will persist to the SW of Britain while a weak trough moves SE across N and E areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Midlands, E. SW, central N and central S England, S Wales: Dry, sunny intervals, becoming rather cloudy; wind N, backing NW, light or moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

East Anglia, SE England, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, a few showers in morning; wind N, fresh, backing to NW, light or moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Lake District, NE and NW England, N Wales: Bright at first, becoming rather cloudy, perhaps occasional drizzle in places; wind W to NW, light or moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Borders, NE England, Glasgow, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, perhaps occasional drizzle, bright intervals; wind W, light or moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, sunny intervals; wind W, light or moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle in places, bright intervals; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Shetland: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, brighter later; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry at first with sunny intervals, overnight fog patches; occasional rain over N Scotland will spread to other N areas on Friday, followed by colder, showery weather; night frost in places.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind N, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind NW, moderate; sea slight.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

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| Algiers | c | 28 | 82 | Cologne | f | 8 | 46 | L Palmas | f | 25 | 77 | Nice | s | 18 | 64 |
| Amsterdam | f | 8 | 46 | Copenhagen | c | 10 | 50 | Lisbon | s | 23 | 73 | Oslo | c | 8 | 46 |
| Athens | r | 18 | 64 | Dublin | c | 12 | 54 | Locarno | c | 13 | 55 | Paris | c | 11 | 52 |
| Barcelona | s | 22 | 72 | Edinburgh | f | 10 | 50 | London | th | 11 | 52 | Reykjavik | r | 8 | 46 |
| Beirut | s | 26 | 79 | Florence | s | 20 | 68 | Luxembourg | c | 7 | 45 | Rome | r | 20 | 68 |
| Belfast | c | 10 | 50 | Funchal | c | 23 | 73 | Madrid | s | 18 | 64 | Rotterdam | r | 11 | 52 |
| Berlin | r | 10 | 50 | Geneva | c | 11 | 52 | Majorca | f | 21 | 70 | Stockholm | c | 11 | 52 |
| Biarritz | r | 16 | 61 | Gibraltar | s | 24 | 75 | Malaga | s | 25 | 77 | Tel Aviv | s | 26 | 79 |
| Birmingham | r | 10 | 50 | Guernsey | c | 12 | 54 | Malta | f | 21 | 70 | Venice | c | 17 | 63 |
| Bristol | r | 11 | 52 | Helsinki | c | 1 | 34 | Manchester | r | 10 | 50 | Vienna | r | 11 | 52 |
| Bristol hail | r | 7 | 45 | Innsbruck | c | 12 | 54 | Moscow | s | 5 | 41 | Warsaw | c | 11 | 52 |
| Budapest | r | 10 | 50 | Istanbul | s | 21 | 70 | Munich | r | 8 | 46 | Zurich | s | 18 | 64 |

b—blue sky, bc—hail clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; l—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sun; th—thunderstorm; p—showers, pr—periodical rain with snow.

## Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 12°C (54°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 66 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.04 in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 3.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm 1,014 millibars rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

## Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Bfr 35; Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Fr 3.00; Germany, Dmk 0.50; Greece, Dr 27; Holland, Dfl 2.00; Hong Kong, HK$6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, Lf 32; Madeira, Esc 30.50; Malta, 15p; Norway, Kr 3.50; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; USA, Canada $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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# r Ennals invites Acas to conciliate after lks to resolve hospital dispute break down

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David Ennals, Secretary ate for Social Services, d the Advisory, Conciliaand Arbitration Service to offer its services for iation in the hospital eers' and supervisors' disast night, after talks n management and staff broken down after five

hey have agreed, and will proaching both sides at morrow", he said.
was not aware that the gement side, which had sted during the negotiathat Acas should be called d made it a condition that st action must be called

Allan Black, chairman of taff side, which last night a telegram to the Prime ster seeking his urgent vention, said the unions not prepared to call off industrial action as a con. They were willing to go cas, however, even though could seen no useful role the service at this stage. e action has disrupted dry and sterilizing services, ing fouled bed linen to be , and has delayed opera; and building schemes, h, when reintroduced, will the NHS more money.
r Ennels said he was disinated that negotiations had en down. The principle er discussion at the profesal and technical Whitley ncil meeting was a genuine financing productivity ement. The management was not prepared to offer onus scheme that was not part of such a self-financing scheme.

He hoped that Acas would bring its own recommendations for a way out and that both parties would accept conciliation.

One consequence of the dispute, which will continue, meanwhile is that the spinal injuries hospital at Stoke Mandeville Buckinghamshire, may have to stop admitting patients by the end of the week.

Trent Regional Health Authority said that, with a severe reduction in sterile fluids in Derbyshire, patients with kidney failure on home dialysis might be seriously affected.

The north-east Thames regional blood transfusion centre at Brentwood said the disruption of supplies of fluid was a minor inconvenience. No patient would suffer.

Mr Brian Blissett, south Nottinghamshire area health administrator, responsible for 20 hospitals and health centres, said yesterday that more than 500 operations had had to be postponed. If the dispute went on for another three weeks, it was estimated that another 500 would be postponed.

In north Staffordshire, Mr Donald Woolmer, a district administrator, said the dispute had thrown hospitals into deep trouble. Patients were having their bed linen changed less regularly, and disposable sheets, because of the sudden demand, were scarce. Waiting lists, too big already, were being increased.

In the Birmingham area the action by engineers and supervisors was reported to have affected every hospital in some way. In many hospitals lifts were out of order and service lifts were being used for general purposes. Staff were washing uniforms and overalls by hand.

Mr Vincent Harral, Bristol health district administrator, said patients were being asked if possible to take in sheets and pillow cases on admission. Relatives and patients were cooperating well. At Bristol and Plymouth maternity hospitals, husbands were asked to take in cot blankets and baby clothes.

In the South-west, nine out of 12 districts are restricting admissions to emergencies and urgent cases. In Exeter more than a hundred patients have had routine operations postponed. The only districts where routine cases are being admitted are Cheltenham, Gloucester and Southmead, Bristol.

The Department of Health and Social Security said last night that its monitoring service had reported no change in three areas: South-west Thames, Wessex and the North-west. Reports from other regions were:

**South-west Thames**: North-west and south-west Surrey health districts admitting emergency cases only; staff in many hospitals washing their own uniforms; laundries in most hospitals in extreme difficulties.
**East Anglia**: waiting lists lengthening.
**North-west Thames**: one wing of Middlesex Hospital taking emergency cases only from last Monday; Napsbury Mental Hospital now using paper sheets; restrictions on non-urgent admissions at Central Middlesex Hospital; Harrow Road Hospital may have to restrict admissions to obstetric patients only; King Edward Memorial Hospital casualty department closed.
**North-east Thames**: restriction on medical admissions and a ban on some forms of surgery in Islington district; Wood Green and Southgate Hospital may have to close; pharmacy at Southend-on-Sea, which produces sterilizing fluids for much of the region, meeting great difficulty in maintaining service.
**South Western**: Hospital laundry services in Exeter area drastically reduced; fouled bed linen having to be destroyed.
**Mersey**: Laundry services drastically reduced; fouled bed linen may have to be burnt.
**West Midlands**: Thirteen building programmes delayed; St Edward's Hospital, North Staffordshire, and the mid-Staffordshire health district restricting admissions by up to 60 per cent.

*More deaths*: A Norwich consultant surgeon, Mr Alan Birt, told a meeting of Norfolk Area Health Authority that some hold-ups might mean amputation or very serious operation when earlier treatment might have required minor surgery. In other cases "mortalities go up if you do not act in time".

Mr Alistair Roy told the meeting that hospitals were facing the most serious crisis since reorganization of the health services.

At Ipswich about 150 operations are being cancelled every week.

In the Derby district a hospital official said cold weather might mean closures.

In Lincolnshire, hospitals have been handling only emergency cases for the past four weeks. Operations scheduled to take place in that period have been cancelled and Lincolnshire Area Health Authority said: "Waiting lists are getting longer and longer."



The stricken tanker, Christos Bitas, her deck lying evenly in the water, riding out the gale yesterday.

## Tanker riding out gale

From Tim Jones
St Ann's Head

With the heavy irony that often encompasses disasters, the stricken tanker Christos Bitas was riding a storm yesterday two miles from an oil rig. As the wind rose to gale force nine, the British Dragoon, the tanker taking oil from the Christos Bitas, was forced to let go and head for shelter.

As I flew over the 56,000-ton tanker yesterday she looked more of a ship than a wreck. With her original 35,000-ton cargo of heavy Iranian crude oil reduced by half, her list had disappeared and her wave-washed decks were riding a few feet above the surface.

Although she has now stopped leaking oil, wild life along the north Dyfed coast has begun to pay the price of her collision with the Hats and Barrels rocks on Thursday. At Skomer, a Nature Conservancy island sanctuary, six dead seals have been discovered and more will die as pups suck in detergent-treated oil with their mothers' milk. More than 200 birds, mainly guillemots, have also perished and the West Wales Conservancy Trust fears that many more will die at sea.

In spite of those casualties, the operation seems to have been remarkably successful, as treated oil has reached only a few rocky coves along the seashore. Out at sea there is now no sign of oil.

Captain Raymond Newbury, who is coordinating the operation for the Department of Trade, said yesterday that he was cautiously optimistic that the Christos Bitas would be successfully salvaged without leaking any more oil.

"We are not out of the woods yet but our chances increase with every inch the tanker rises in the sea."

He would not speculate on why the tanker had been far from the recognized sea lanes when she tore open her sides. "I have a personal opinion but the cause is best left for the inquiry which has been ordered", he said.

Coastguards who walked 100 miles of shoreline in the affected area yesterday estimate that no more than two miles of coast is polluted by treated oil, which will eventually dissipate.

The battle to save the islands and rocky breeding grounds is, however, much more difficult because many are inaccessible to landing craft.

Mr Owen Morris, a Welsh Office official, said the next 24 hours would tell whether the Christos Bitas would be saved. Today Mr Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Trade, will visit the area.

Last night the tanker was being towed on an erratic course in the St George's Channel whose 54-fathom depth would at least prevent her from being a hazard to navigation if she sank.

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## udge calls for an inquiry fter sentencing gang

teenage gang, three boys two girls, were sentenced the Central Criminal Court terday to a total of 33 years' risonment and detention for at was described as a "barous and sadistic" sexual ack on a girl of 13.

Judge King-Hamilton, QC, o described the gang as rse than animals, said the ys, aged 14 and 15, were nsters in female clothing. He led for the fullest possible instigation into how the victim, ss X, who was in the care of mbeth council because she d fallen into bad company, d been able to go to a olly undesirable party where was picked up by the gang, West Indians.

Miss Daphne Wickham, coun for the two girls, also dised that they had committed a offences while being looked ter by Lambeth council. She id: "It is amazing that girls 13 and 14 should be able to ave a hostel and stay away l night without any control.

The judge also gave a warng against white people taking e law into their own hands in venge. "Let them beware, r they will be punished with e same degree of severity", said.

He said the attack was "shattering junior example man's inhumanity to man"

However Miss X had maned to get out of the hostel, was wholly wrong and should ever have occurred.

"I am deeply disturbed by what this trial has revealed."

Calling for an investigation, he said: "I direct that my comments in this respect are brought to the attention of the appropriate authority."

The five had either been found guilty or pleaded guilty to unlawfully imprisoning Miss X, causing her grievous bodily harm and indecently assaulting her. One of the girls admitted robbing her of two rings and two bracelets during the attack.

Devon Bartley, aged 17, of Albion Avenue, Clapham, was jailed for nine years; Desmond Craig, aged 19, of Haycroft Road, Brixton, for 8½ years, and David Heslop, aged 17, of Hurst Street, Herne Hill, for eight years.

The two girls, who were ordered by the judge not to be named, were sentenced to detention for four years in one case and 3½ in the other.

A Lambeth council official last night denied there had been any negligence. "These girls broke the 10 pm curfew, so what are we supposed to do?", he said. "We cannot lock them up."

A special meeting of Lambeth Social Services Committee would be held today to discuss the case. He added: "An inquiry was held into the incident when it happened in March. A report was prepared which satisfied the then chairman of the social services committee and the Department of Health and Social Security."

## Telegraph' strike checks sequence of success

y Brian Appleyard
inancial Staff

The strike that has stopped he Daily Telegraph appearing or a fortnight has affected the ompany in the middle of its hird good year.

After losses of £1.9m and 1.4m in 1974-75 and 1975-76 he comapny made a profit of 739,000 in 1976-77, ironically lmost the same figures as veekly deficit caused by the trike.

Figures for the year to March 31, 1978, are being udited by accountants Saffery's. They are expected to show igher profits. The indications are that the growth would have continued this year but for the stoppage.

Daily Telegraph Ltd is one of the two remaining national newspaper groups still in private family ownership. It was started in 1855 by Colonel Arthur Burroughes Sleigh to pursue a vendetta against the Duke of Cambridge, later to become the Commander-in-Chief of the Army. It was later sold in settlement of debts to its printer, Mr J. M. Levy.

In 1927 Mr Levy's successors sold the paper to Sir William Berry (later the first Lord Camrose), Mr Gomer Berry (later Lord Kemsley) and Sir Edward Iliffe (later Lord Iliffe). In 1937 Lord Camrose took over sole control and the Berry family remains today the 100 per cent owner.

Lord Hartwell, chairman and editor-in-chief, aged 67, and his brother Lord Camrose, aged 69, jointly control, either directly or as trustees, all the shares in the company.

It is difficult to assess the effect of the £750,000 the company is having to pay weekly despite the stoppage, although it is clearly significant in the light of the £4.9m of shareholders' funds in the last balance sheet. At that time the company had loans of £1.6m and a bank overdraft of £2.6m, although the profit in 1967-77 had reduced the figure from £3.5m.

Assuming that the past year has been reasonably good, it appears that the overdraft will have been further reduced and the £3.5m attained two years ago suggests that there may be significant credit facilities available. But it is doubtful whether either the company or its bankers would wish to extend them to finance a strike that appeared to be entrenched.

The main variable in the company's accounts recently has been the plant replacement reserve. A transfer of £1.35m from that source in 1976 reduced the retained profits to just £13,000 and last year £600,000 was charged to the profits after tax, leaving retained profits of £126,000.

## Crown Agents' controller explains why he resigned

The tribunal investigating the £236m loss by the Crown Agents learnt yesterday why a man resigned from the organization after being given an important job.

Mr Edward James Sayers, aged 66, said he was appointed Controller of the Crown Agents by Sir Stephen Luke, the agents' chairman, in 1968.

"I was concerned about the activities that were going on about which I did not receive any information", he said. "The finance department felt its activities were too complex to explain to a layman like me, and I did not know the questions to ask."

Mr Sayers, of Junction Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex, said he had no accountancy qualifications or training when the post was offered.

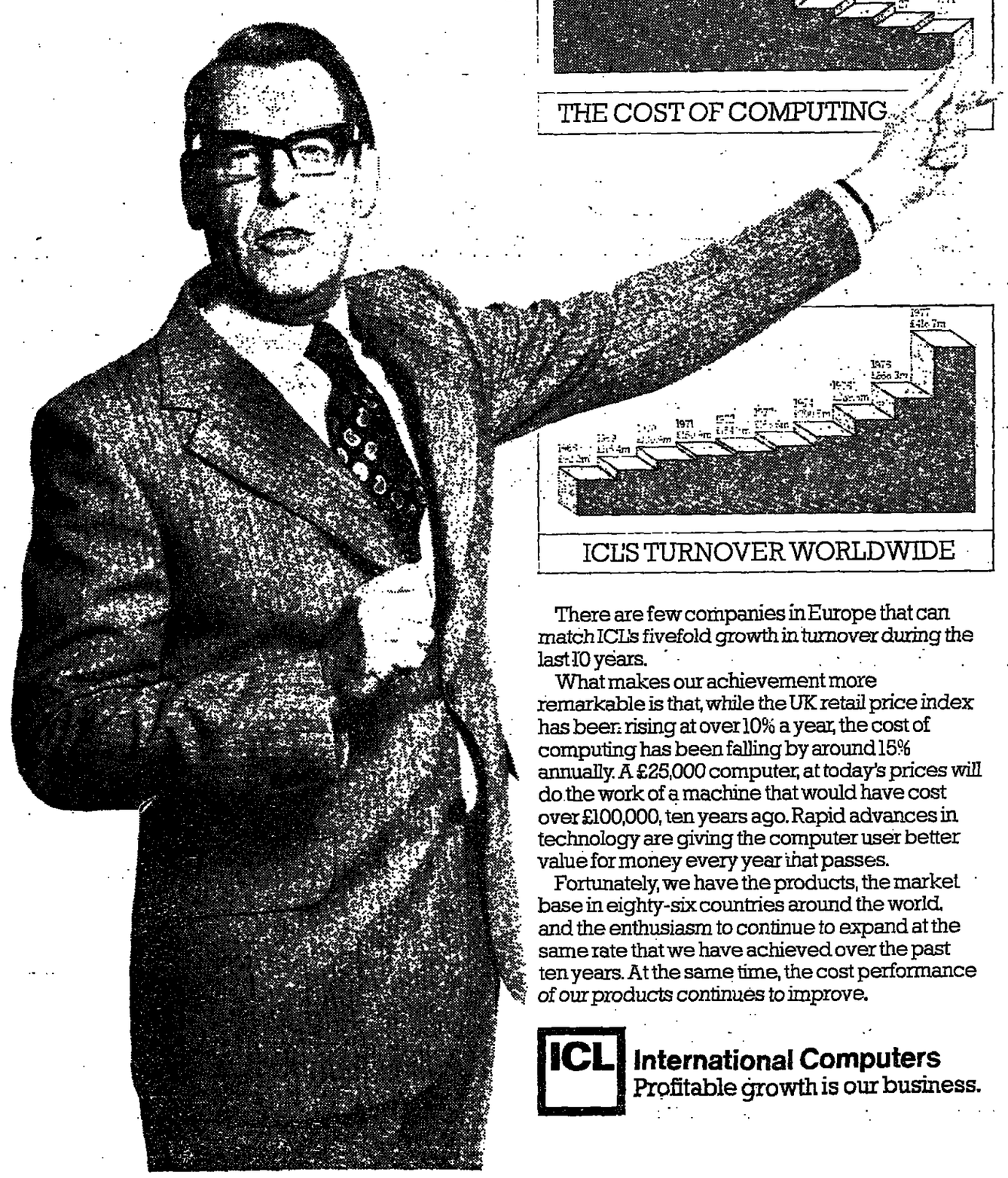
He became concerned after receiving a description of his responsibilities referring to the need to investigate the viability of the agents' activities and advise the board.

"I felt I had to make a decision and I decided to opt out." He retired in 1969, three years before he would normally have done so.

The tribunal continues tomorrow.


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HOME NEWS

# EEC changes sought to facilitate research into plastics based on food

By Hugh Clayton

British companies want changes in EEC farm policy that will remove obstacles to research on plastics derived from food instead of from oil. Research has begun in Latin America on producing a petrol substitute based on sugar. British and North American companies want to start work on plastics based on maize and perhaps on wheat and rice.

The advantage of crops as a base compared with oil is that they can be renewed each year. Mr Richard Wright, chairman of the British Maize Refiners' Association, told reporters in London yesterday: "You can make plastic bottles out of starch". Starch is biodegradable. The process of polymerization, which is the key to plastics manufacture, has been found to apply to starch as well as to hydrocarbons.

Research on plant derivatives is so complex and expensive that only the largest companies can afford it. But the idea behind it is simple. There is no population growth in the richest parts of the EEC, so that companies who want to cut the unit costs of their investment in food machinery by increasing sales must do so by finding markets that do not involve eating and drinking.

Mr Wright, who is technical director of a subsidiary of Tate & Lyle, said: "Our industry is already competing with adhesives produced by polymerization of oil". Mr Peter Ware, chairman of the Association de Amidonneries de Mais de la Communauté Economique Européene representing maize starch refiners, said: "Sales of adhesives for all purposes in the United Kingdom total about 160,000 tonnes a year. Cereal-based adhesives account for less than 10 per cent of that".

Mr Ware is also managing director of the British arm of Corn Products Company of New York, one of the largest maize-refining groups in the world, which is best known in Britain for such products as Mazola maize oil. He said that the American parent company had once been saved from bankruptcy by an oil group.

"I think we could possibly go back to this kind of joint approach", he said. "We might join with the petrochemical industry to launch a massive research programme."

He said capacity for research was hampered by the continuing lack of satisfactory rules for starch under the common agricultural policy of the EEC. "The Community price for maize now is obscene", he said, it cost £100 a tonne while maize from outside was arriving in Rotterdam at £50. "We are looking into the 1980s, the 1990s and the next century", he added. "We are looking forward to being a major supplier of petrochemical replacer."

The association has appealed to the European Commission to adopt standing rules for starch to replace what it calls "ad hoc decisions regarding raw material prices on an annual basis." It wants a new stability to create a reasonable and predictable raw material cost

# Tawse case publicity opposed by solicitor

From Our Correspondent

Dunfermline

An attempt by the Education Institute of Scotland to breach the confidentiality of the tawse case, which was heard in private by the European Commission on Human Rights last week, was strongly opposed by one of the Scottish solicitors acting in the case.

Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for West Lothian, was ejected from the hearing after protesting against statements made by one lawyer comparing the corporal punishment of children in Scottish schools with the racial policies of Nazi Germany.

Mr John Pollock, general secretary of the institute, has written to the commission asking for clarification of what occurred.

Mr Graham Cox, a Dunfermline solicitor, is acting for one of the parents who have complained about the use of the tawse, a type of leather strap. He said of Mr Pollick's action: "It is not difficult to imagine a case that could have serious repercussions for the complainer in his or her own country if confidentiality was broken before the commission decided whether there were sufficient grounds or evidence for the case to be brought before the European Court of Human Rights."

He added that the statement that caused Mr Dalyell to leave the hearing was not put forward on behalf of his client nor was any attempt made to denigrate Scottish teachers.

## Hunt saboteurs plan to battle on despite decision to let 2,300 seals live

# Protesters condemn action against local cull

Greenpeace, the conservation group, yesterday condemned any attempt to sabotage the reduced cull of grey seals in Orkney and the Western Isles of Scotland. Such action would be totally misplaced, it said.

The Scottish Office had planned to cull 5,800 pups and adult seals, killed by Norwegian and local sealers. But Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, announced on Monday that the Norwegians' target of 2,300 seals was to be abandoned in the face of public pressure, and that local hunters would be restricted to shooting 2,000 pups, as in previous years.

Both Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund are satisfied with this reduction and will not oppose the local cull, but the Hunt Saboteurs Association plans to continue its agitation. Mr David Watton, the secretary, has said that members will go to Orkney to confront the local cullers. "A British bullet is as lethal as a Norwegian one", he said.

Mr Peter Wilkinson, the main Greenpeace coordinator of the campaign, said yesterday: "We want nothing to do with anyone who tries to stop the local hunters."

About sixteen local hunters licensed to cull by the Scottish Office are expected to start work as soon as public agitation dies away.

Greenpeace said: "We do not sanction the culling of any animal. But our fight has been against the Scottish Office, which has consistently refused to publish the figures backing up its decision to hold a cull on the scale originally envisaged.

"It has never been our intention to interfere with the local hunters, who have been carrying out their own, far smaller, cull for years. Now that their numbers have been brought down to what they were before, it would be quite wrong for us to oppose them. Any attempt to stop them going ahead would be totally misplaced."

Police in Kirkwall, Orkney, however, discounted the threat from the Hunt Saboteurs Association. "These people will not be too much of a bother", an officer said. "Our boys know what they are doing and can look after themselves."

He pointed to the sea spray lashing across the main street from the storm which has been building up for two days, and said: "There is no way these people can get across to seal islands in their boats. But it will be no problem to the local hunters."

Mr Millan's decision has surprised the Scottish Fishermen's Association. Mr Roddie McColl, its assistant secretary said: "People forget that almost 60,000 metric tons of fish is eaten each year by seals. This is an emotional subject that has been blown up out of all proportion."

Mr Millan has said that the protesters have failed to produce any evidence to change his belief that the larger cull is necessary mainly because of the estimated £12m worth of fish eaten each year by the seals.

Conservationists who had camped on various remote breeding grounds in Orkney were gradually returning to Kirkwall yesterday. A group of six, including a woman who had stayed nine days on North Rona, 100 miles off shore, were being picked up by the Rainbow Warrior, the Greenpeace vessel expected in Kirkwall early today.

The ship Kvitungen, with the Norwegian hunters on board, left Orkney on Monday night.

# Tory split on pay policy 'is minute'

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, yesterday played down any suggestion of a split within the Conservative Party over incomes policy. She said differences within the party on incomes policy were minute compared with the really big issues facing the country.

Speaking during the by-election campaign in Berwick and East Lothian constituency, she said: "It is absolutely absurd to say everything tottered on a 5 per cent. More tottered on nationalization. You will never get freedom or enterprise unless you get free enterprise."

Asked if she would give the Shadow Cabinet post to Mr Edward Heath, who spoke out at last week's party conference in support of the Government's 5 per cent pay policy, she said: "I shall not make up my mind about the Cabinet until I know the result of the general election."

Mrs Thatcher was speaking at a press conference at Dunbar in the south of the constituency. The by-election, set for Thursday next week, has been caused by the death of Mr John Mackintosh, who won the seat for Labour in October, 1974.

Mrs Thatcher said the prospects were good for the Tories in the by-election. In her two "walkabouts" and two factory visits yesterday, the subject most frequently raised with her was tax.

She said even people wearing Labour stickers wanted the top of things the Tories had to offer, such as buying their own council homes, tougher law and order, and less nationalization.

Incomes policy and deflation were not mentioned at all by the people with whom she spoke, she said.

Of the Conservative attitude to incomes policy, she said: "To hear some of the commentators you would think the whole of Britain's future depended on 5 per cent. What absolute nonsense."

She said that in some of the speeches at the party conference at Brighton such countries as Germany, South Korea and Taiwan were held up as tremendously successful, yet they had never had an incomes policy.

**Candidates**: Mr J. H. Robertson (Lab), Miss M. Marshall (C), Mrs I. Lindsay (ENP), and Mr T. Glen (L).

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# Fire kills ship's officers as they sleep

Forensic scientists yesterday were investigating a fire that killed two officers as they slept aboard the 6,000-ton Timaru Star, owned by the Blue Star Line, which is berthed in Cardiff.

They were Mr Thomas Rutter, aged 47, the second engineer, of Pickering Road, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, and Mr Peter Anthony Edward Filmer, aged 55, the purser, of Oakwood Close, Althorne, near Chelmsford, Essex.

# Curb on noisy take-offs

By Arthur Reed

Government restrictions on the night operation of noisy jet airliners are to be tightened still further with the inclusion of Stansted, the third London airport, in the scheme from November 1.

Both Heathrow and Gatwick are already subject to quotas for the number of noisy aircraft that may fly from them.

At Stansted, this winter only 180 "noisy" take-offs will be allowed between November and March, an average of under two a night. During summer in 1979 —from April to October, the quota will be 450. Both figures will be progressively decreased until by 1987 all noisy take-offs are banned.

A noisy jet aircraft is considered by the Government to be one that awakens people outside an area of four square miles on take-off and 2.5 square miles on landing. Non-jets qualify for night operations automatically.

Although already strict, the rules are being reviewed by the Civil Aviation Authority Directorate of Operational Research and Analysis, which is investigating the relationship between aircraft noise and sleep disturbance.

# 'Diversion' accusation on pensions

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Government decided yesterday to pay a £10 Christmas bonus this year to each of more than 10 million pensioners, widows and disabled people. It was immediately accused of trying to divert attention from the likelihood that pension increases due next month will be too low to meet its legal obligation to protect them against inflation.

The Government is required by law to raise pensions by the increase in earnings or prices, whichever is greater. Prices have risen by about 8 per cent since the last pension increase, but earnings rose by 14.2 per cent under Phase Three of the pay policy, which ended on July 31. The August figures, to be published today, are expected to show a slight decline in earnings increases.

In a carefully worded statement announcing the bonus yesterday, Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, avoided referring to the increase in earnings, but said the pension increase of nearly 11¼ per cent was "well above the rate of price increases".

Mr Simon Hebditch, head of information at Age Concern, said yesterday: "It is quite clear that the Government is attempting to avoid its moral obligation, and arguably its legal obligation, to protect pensioners against inflation.

"The bonus is not only a diversion from the pension increases, which shoud be at least 14.2 per cent, but it is a diversion in itself because £10 will not maintain the value of the bonus."

When a Christmas bonus of £10 was paid last December, it was estimated that it should be £21 to maintain its value at the 1972 level, when the bonus was introduced. A bonus of the same amount was paid in 1973 and 1974, then discontinued until 1977.

Mr Ennals yesterday referred to a big rise in working people's living standards because of the Government's firm economic policy with "a sensible approach to pay as a key element". There had been big tax cuts, and child benefit, which was increased in April, would be raised again in November.

"This year pensioners will also share in his improvement because next month pensions go up by nearly 11¼ per cent—well above the rate of price increases. On top of this increase in the pension the Government has decided to pay a Christmas bonus of £10."

The most important thing, Mr Ennals said, was an adequate pension the year round. The Government had made big advances after allowing for price rises because the November increase would mean that pensioners would be about a fifth better off in real terms than five years ago.

The bonus will be paid in the week beginning December 4 and will cost about £106m. It It will go to the same groups as last year.

The statement said the bonus would be paid automatically.

# Conservatives' aims over wages 'unaltered'

By Our Political Staff

Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford and formerly one of Mrs Thatcher's shadow Treasury team, said last night that the Conservative Party's official position on pay policy had not shifted since it was set out in the document, *The Right Approach to the Economy*, published a year ago.

Mr Howell, one of the authors of that document, claimed that last week's annual conference had not changed the Conservative insistence on realistic and responsible pay bargaining. He could find little difference between his party's approach and the sensibly flexible attitude of almost all western governments. Only the present British Government stood out with its seemingly neurotic obsession with a rigid pay norm.

Mr Howell, who was addressing party workers at Guildford, considered that the two most important issues discussed at Brighton were taxation and law and order, although coverage was mostly concerned with incomes policy and 5 per cent.

Responsible bargaining, he said, demanded the right climate and taxation policy played a big part in creating that climate.

## Correction

Sir Max Aitken, former chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers, was incorrectly described as the late Sir Max Aitken yesterday. We apologize for the error.

# Beware heating gimmicks, architects' president says

By Our Planning Reporter

It was "a racing certainty" that in future the public would be offered many cheap, gimmicky and worthless methods of reducing their heating bills, Mr Gordon Graham, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said yesterday.

He was introducing a new "calculator package", developed by the institute to enable architects to assess the heat loss and consequent energy demands of new buildings.

Mr Graham said that nearly half Britain's energy requirements were for heating and cooling buildings. Anything that contributed to more efficient design was therefore of great potential benefit.

Mr Bernard Ingham, head of the energy conservation division of the Department of Energy, said fuel costs were likely to double in the next 20 years.

Although the "package" was intended for the building industry, he hoped it might be adapted for householders planning alterations to their homes.

# Astrid Proll may face six more weeks in prison

Astrid Proll may have to stay at least six more weeks in Brixton prison before the West German Government's case for extradition is heard. It was stated at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday that it would be two weeks before the defence could be given the whole of the evidence against Miss Proll, who was again remanded in custody.

Mr Rudolph Grabner, a representative of the German Government, said later: "I do not think the case will be heard until late November, probably even December. The hearing itself might last up to two weeks."

He said that much of the evidence produced at Miss Proll's trial in West Germany in 1973, which never ended, would be put before the court as part of the West German Government's case.


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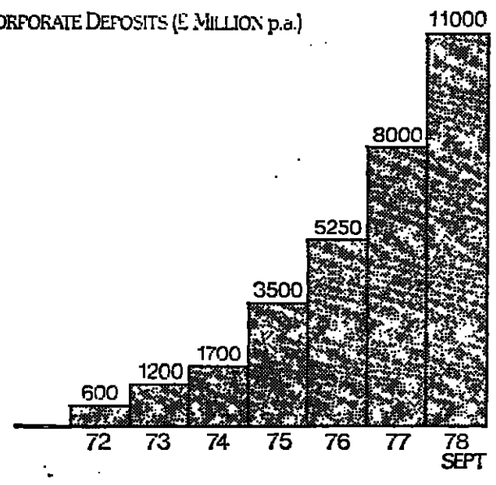
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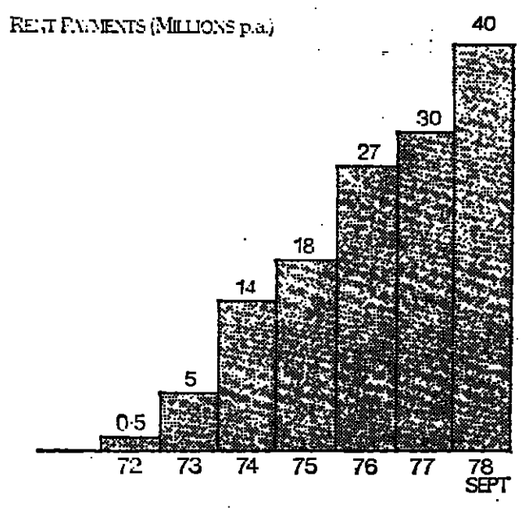
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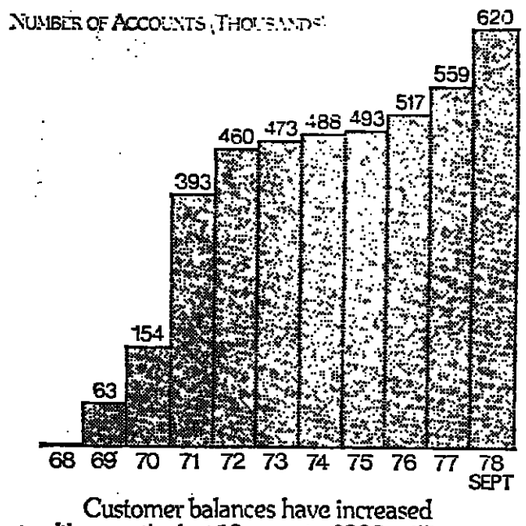
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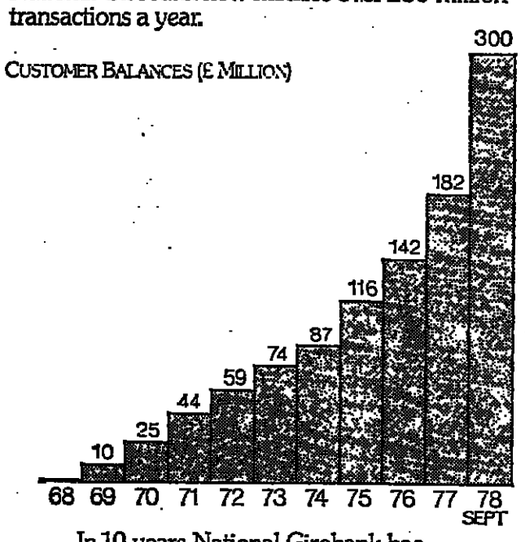
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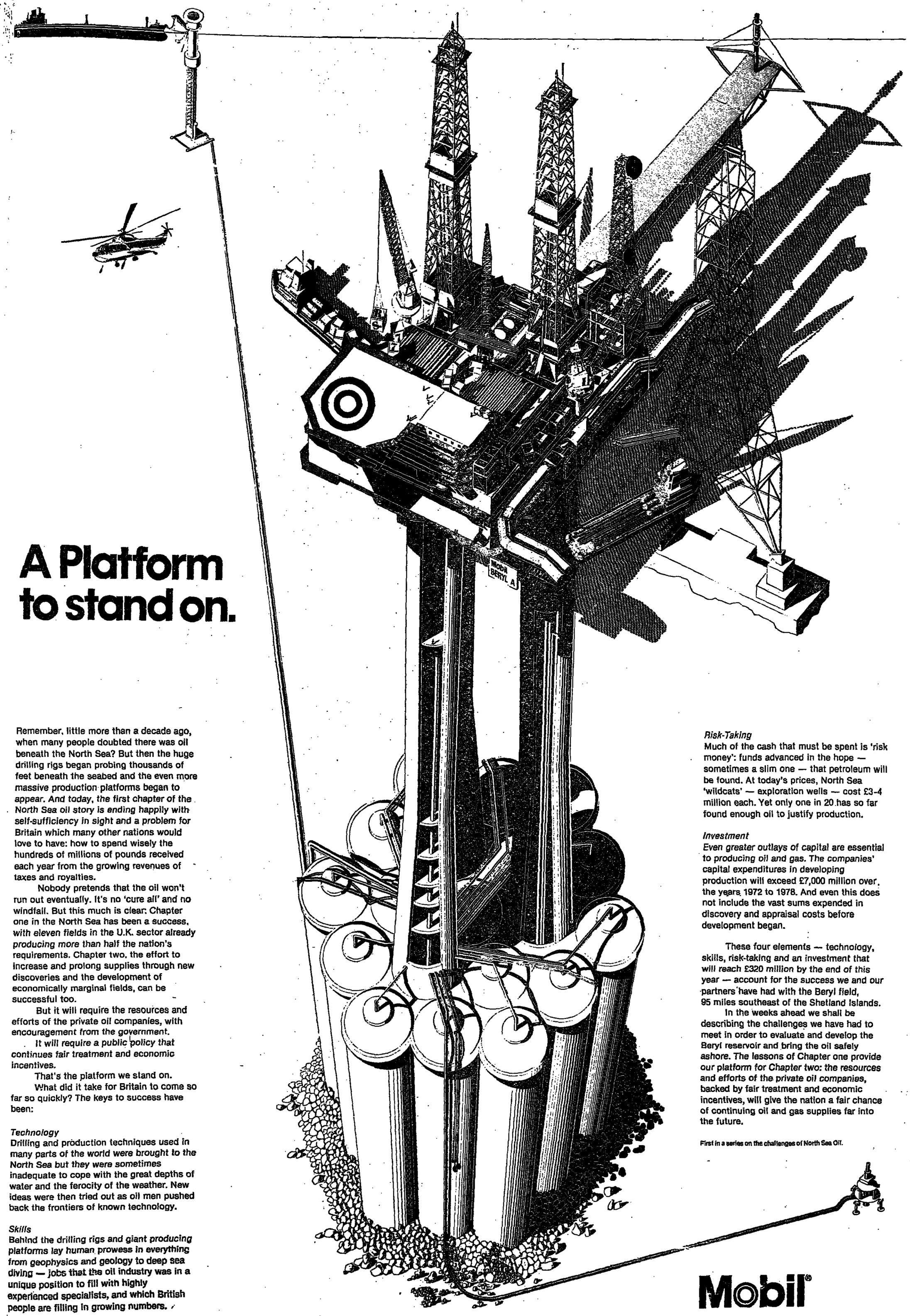

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Behind the drilling rigs and giant producing platforms lay human prowess in everything from geophysics and geology to deep sea diving — jobs that the oil industry was in a unique position to fill with highly experienced specialists, and which British people are filling in growing numbers.

*Risk-Taking*
Much of the cash that must be spent is 'risk money': funds advanced in the hope — sometimes a slim one — that petroleum will be found. At today's prices, North Sea 'wildcats' — exploration wells — cost £3-4 million each. Yet only one in 20 has so far found enough oil to justify production.

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HOME NEWS

# Careful grooming will give civil servants new television image

By Peter Hennessy

Carefully selected senior civil servants will be groomed to perform successfully on television as part of a drive to improve the image of the Civil Service.

The idea has been put forward by an interdepartmental committee chaired by Mr Michael Power, an under-secretary at the Civil Service Department, which monitors Whitehall public relations. A new edition of a pamphlet describing what civil servants should or should not do when appearing before the cameras will shortly be issued for internal circulation.

The Civil Service Department has authorized spending about £4,000 on training 24 civil servants for television work. Neither the Civil Service College nor the Central Office of Information has been deemed suitable for furnishing those skills, and outside organizations are being sought.

Training in communicating in other media will also be given on the courses. Most of the men chosen to "front" for Whitehall in describing the work of departments will be assistant secretaries.

There is no question that they will be allowed to stray into policy matters, which are regarded as the exclusive preserve of ministers. Nor is there any prospect of reviving a plan to prepare permanent secretaries for public appearances with courses at the Central Office of Information, originally drawn up by Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead when Head of the Home Civil Service, to the horror of most of his colleagues.

Most probably much of the training will be in how to slither out of leading questions designed to trap the unwary.

An important aspect of the work of Mr Power's team has been to predict events over six months that might affect the public image of the Civil Service.

High on the list is possible industrial action over pay when the findings of the Pay Research Unit is published next month giving comparisons with the private sector for negotiation purposes. The list will shortly be circulated internally.

The team has also commissioned a leaflet about the Civil Service. But a plan to sponsor a book about the work of permanent secretaries has been stopped temporarily as many civil servants believe a hagiography of top men could be counterproductive and lead to parody in the press.

Mr Power's group recently took stock of the first six months of its operation, which was secret until disclosed in *The Times* on August 31. The conclusion reached was that on balance publicity had been helpful, as it had given ordinary civil servants the impression that at long last their superiors were doing something about unjustified attacks on their pay and conditions and performance at work.

# 'Priceless' hospital murals to be restored

The tiled murals in the old Charing Cross Hospital, off the Strand, in London, are being removed, restored, and recognized as important examples of a vanished popular art form (Philip Hward writes).

The 17 hand-painted tiled murals of country scenes and the tile frieze of a medieval hunting scene have been curiosities of the hospital for a century. Mr Tony Herbert, of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, Telford, Salop, who is doing the restoration, said yesterday: "They are some of the best examples of a craft that has died. They are priceless."

They were made at the Maws tile factory at Jackfield, near Ironbridge, the world's biggest tile factory a century ago. Its tiles, many painted by distinguished designers, brightened the world from Mysore Palace to Toronto University.

The art form died during the 1914-18 War. Until then Jackfield tiles ornamented buildings from churches to public houses and butcher's shops.

A job creation team is to investigate the secrets of their manufacture. Six restored murals will be reerected at the new Charing Cross Hospital in Fulham. The rest will have pride of place in the planned national tile museum.



Mr Tony Herbert working on one of the murals.

# 'Widespread racial prejudice in jobs'

By Annabel Ferriman

All companies should record the ethnic origins of job applicants to ensure that they are not discriminating against minority groups, the Institute of Personnel Management recommends in a report published yesterday.

The institute, which has 19,000 members, says that although it is 10 years since the first Act prohibiting job discrimination was passed, evidence of discrimination against certain racial groups in obtaining jobs and promotion is widespread. Similar disadvantages affect women, particularly in managerial opportunities, it says.

The report sets out a code of good practice and warns companies that careless advertizing, interviewing procedures and selection policies could lay them open to accusations of indirect discrimination.

If inflated academic qualifications were demanded, making it harder for members of a certain racial group to apply, because their academic qualifications were on average lower than whites, a company could be accused of indirect discrimination. If the high qualifications were necessary, however, that would be justified.

It recommends that all interviewers should be trained, in order to reduce the effect of personal bias and stereotyped perception in selecting people. Departmental managers, in particular, should be trained in interviewing, because they often made the final decision.

It was not enough for a company to declare itself an equal oportunity employer, without explaining the policy to the workers and securing their understanding. The cooperation of departmental managers and trade union representatives should be secured, it says.

Lady Seear, president of the institute and a member of the steering committee which produced the report, said yesterday that many companies' selection and promotion policies were extremely muddled. It was hard to draft on a fair policy for women and minorities when existing practices would not stand scrutiny. *Towards Fairer Selection: a code for non-discrimination* (Institute of Personnel Management, Central House, Upper Woburn Place, London, WC1H 0HX).

WEST EUROPE

# Risk of nuclear war is dismissed by President Giscard

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Oct 17

President Giscard d'Estaing of France said last night that he did not believe in the risk of an outbreak of nuclear war between now and the end of the century. He was being interviewed by M Jean-Louis Servan-Schreiber on the television programme *Questionnaire*, about the place of France in a world in transition.

He attempted, with his acknowledged talent for exposition and foresight, to persuade Frenchmen to lift their gaze from immediate problems and take solace from the fact that in about a decade France had joined the leading platoon of nations, alongside the United States, Russia, West Germany and Japan.

This naturally failed to satisfy the opposition, which already condemned his insistence during his last press conference at the Elysée Palace in June that the country must prepare to face the problems of the third millenium, as merely a pretext for eluding those of today.

M Roland Leroy, the Editor-in-Chief of *L'Humanite*, the communist newspaper, writes today of the "cold, inhuman, and cruel technocracy" of the President. "The fate he proposes to France is that of a German Europe, under American tutelage. The France devoted to a process of continual adaptation of which the President spoke repeatedly yesterday would be a country diminished, weakened, mutilated, and subject".

This is a deliberate misreading of the President's words. In the year 2,000 France would total only 1 per cent of the world population. But its power and influence was infinitely greater than this percentage indicated. It was already the world's third nuclear power, ahead of Britain, it had the third highest standard of living; and it was the fifth greatest economic power.

France had overtaken Britain as far back as 1967 in terms of gross national product. "If we do what is necessary, we can become an economic power on a par with West Germany in about 10 years", he emphasized.

"If I often compare France with Germany, it is because I do not think it would be good for Europe to be dominated by one great economic power. We must therefore what we can to be ensure th there are at least two countr which are poles of attractio the Federal Republic a France", he added.

French workers were t best in Europe, he insiste They would become increa ingly highly trained and high paid workers. They must the fore have their place in French industry with a ve high technological content.

The President mentioned t French motor car industry, t leader on the Continent, as instance of what the count could achieve.

Even in the ailing textile i dustry, France was a net e porter, and unmatched in ce tain high quality produc "France can adapt better th is generally believed", he sai giving agriculture as an e ample.

"But one must not a Frenchmen to make sacrific contrary to their psychology, react like the Germans or th Japanese and take cuts in the standard of living" he went o in answer to the question abo whether the Government migl not call for greater sacrifices t ensure that the French econom adapted more quickly to the re quirements of world compet tion.

The world crisis of the year 1974 and 1975 had bee weathered more easily b Japan and West Germany, be cause they did not have to mee problems of industrial reorgan ization as well as the slowing down of economic activity.

Questioned about European elections and the powers of the European Parliament, the Presi dent repeated that it was neces sary to "organize" Europe. Future generations of Frenchmen would not forgive the Government's failure to do so.

This organization was in progress, with regard to tariffs, currency, the European Council, the assembly. The European assembly would be elected directly instead of by parliaments but its powers would remain the same.

He was strongly in favour of a European confederation, mentioning the fact that this term had first been used by President Pompidou. "In a confederation there is a common policy. But each member country retains its sovereignty, and none imposes its will on the others," he said.

# Orchestra's rise halted after cellist wins case

A pay rise for members of the Northern Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra is to be delayed as part of an economy drive.

The savings are necessary mainly because of compensation that has to be paid to the former principal cellist, Mr Alan Turner, who was dismissed earlier this year.

Mr Turner, aged 33, later won an action for unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal and was given an undisclosed sum. The tribunal was told that he was dismissed because he pulled faces and deliberately played wrong notes at rehearsals.

The orchestra estimates that it needs about £10,500 to cover compensation and legal costs. A vacancy will be left unfilled, fewer soloists will be employed and administrative costs reduced.

# Call for talks at all levels on juvenile crime

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, called yesterday for discussions at every level on the best way to handle the growing number of persistent juvenile offenders.

He told a meeting of Cambridge Univeristy Fabians that a code of practice drawn up by magistrates and local authority representatives suggested that such young people should generally be removed from home when placed in care. Social services departments should not return them home merely because adequate facilities were not aavilable locally, the code had said.

"The Secretary for Social Services and I are anxious that the publication of the code should be followed up with discussions and efforts at every level", Mr Rees said.

# Fear of hardship over payment of water rates

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The National Water Council's draft code of practice on direct billing for domestic water charges provides inadequate protection for people meeting real hardship in paying their water bills, the National Consumer Council says.

In a letter to Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, made public today, the council says it is wrong to leave water authorities to decide for themselves whether the customer intends to pay, or whether to disconnect the supply. It says the matter could properly be established only in court, and goes on to question whether disconnexion is an appropriate sanction.

The council says that serious public health consequences "which could render houses unfit for human habitation in Public Health Act terms" have been disregarded. It points out that the Thames Water Authority has already started disconnexions for non-payment although it has yet to publish the code of practice that it intends to follow.

With the introduction of direct billing, customers in many areas have lost the option to pay water rates by monthly instalments. The council says that might contribute to serious arrears.

The council argues that the consumers' interest is not being adequately represented. It says consumer representatives should be appointed to at least a third of the places on all water authorities, and calls for the creation of a national water consumers' council to monitor the industry's performance.

# Sergeant risked life to rescue drowning youth

Police Sergeant Paul Chapman was congratulated by Thames magistrates yesterday for having risked his life by diving into the Thames to rescue a young man who had threatened him with a broken bottle.

Sergeant Chapman told the court that Paul Dunnell, aged 17, of The Janie barge, St Katharine's Dock, east London, was unconscious when pulled from the water. He thumped his chest to revive him three times.

Dunnell, who confronted Sergeant Chapman and two colleagues on a pontoon and then leapt 15ft into the water below, admitted possessing a broken bottle as an offensive weapon. He was remanded until November 14 for reports.

He said later: "I am very, very grateful indeed to the officers for saving my life."

## Women join brigade

Women are being recruited by Cambridgeshire fire brigade to fill part-time vacancies caused by a lack of male volunteers in rural areas.

# Paris police and fire service costs controversy settled

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 17

The Six-month truce between the Government and the Gaullist party has also produced improved relations between the Minister of the Interior and the Paris municipality, which is led by M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader. The long controversy about Paris police and fire brigade costs has been settled, it is learnt at the Hotel de Ville.

Other problems, such as the cost of Paris transport, special benefits for the needy, pensions, and receipts from the state-run tote, have been put aside temporarily.

The agreement shows a mutual desire to end the undeclared warfare between the Government, or rather the presidency, and the city which began in 1977, when M Chirac won the mayoralty against the candidature of M Michel d'Ornano, the Minister for Industry, and a personal friend of Mr Giscard d'Estaing.

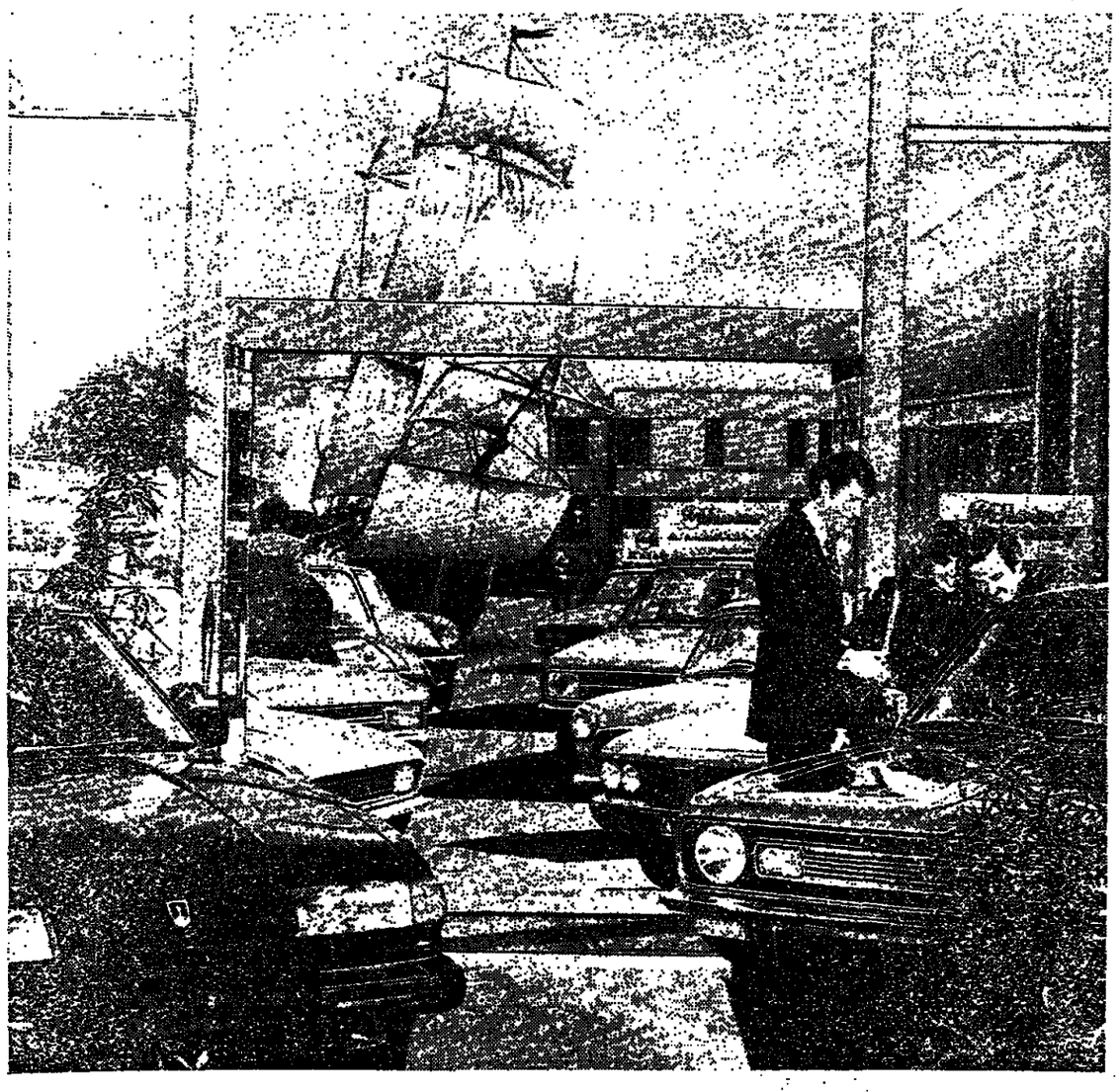
The new Statute of Paris, which gave the city an elected mayor and independence from state tutelage, left some difficult financial problems unsolved, including the cost of the Paris police.

M Chirac refused, with the backing of the whole council, to foot the bill of 292m francs (£35m) served by the state on the city for the Paris police in 1978. He said that it would mean a 6 per cent increase in rates beyond the 10 per cent already decided by the city fathers. At the end of last year, the Paris Council voted 150m francs for the upkeep of the police. M Chirac said that each Parisian paid 140 times more than people in Lyons or Marseilles where the police is state supported.

The Minister of the Interior exercised his right to order the sum demanded by the state in the Paris budget for this year. He indicated that a redistribution of police costs would only be possible in 1979, when a joint committee of the city and the state, chaired by the prefect of the Paris region, had published its findings.

This committee has now produced a compromise agreeable to both sides. The bill for the Paris police will be reduced this year by 164m francs (from 315m francs to 151m francs), which is about what the council originally voted in its budget. At the same time, the city will pay 164m francs more for the cost of the fire brigade and its contribution to the pensions of its 35,000 employees, of which most was hitherto shouldered by the state.

It looks like a clever piece of juggling with figures to save face on both sides. But in 1980 when the common law statute will be extended to Paris police costs and these are reduced to 20m francs, the city will be the net beneficiary.



# Girls lose appeal in race bias action

Two West Indian girls who alleged race bias by the head of a computer company failed yesterday in an attempt to reopen their complaint of discrimination.

Mr Eugene Levine, head of EML business machines (now in liquidation) was alleged to have said that coloured girls could not answer a simple percentage question. The sum that Mr Levine set for girls was: "Whit is 8 per cent of £100?"

The Employment Appeal Tribunal in London was told yesterday that when asked by a careers officer why he wanted to know if a girl being sent to him was coloured, Mr Levine replied that all the coloured girls he had seen so far could not answer the simple question.

Mr Levine had told the officer: "Surely there must be some of our own girls who are out of work; there are thousands out of work."

An industrial tribunal in Leeds last January dismissed contentions by Miss Una Dawkins, aged 18, of Hilton Place, and Miss Shela Sewell, aged 19, of Sholebrook Place, both Leeds, that they were victims of unlawful race discrimination. The tribunal yesterday rejected appeals by the girls against that decision.

# Jail for clerk who made food 'disappear'

A former City clerk who found he could make small quantities of vast food shipments "disappear" was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to nine months' imprisonment after admitting five charges of theft.

The food disappeared because Peter Pamment, aged 30, now a minicab driver, of Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, found buyers through his contacts with other City workers who were only too willing to pay less than the market price for the food.

The thefts, over a period of several months, had cost the company he worked for, Tradeax Ltd, grain merchants, of Houndsditch, more than £20,000.

## Ban on peerage book

A ban on publication of a book Their Noble Lordships, about the British hereditary peerage, by Simon Winchester, was continued indefinitely in the High Court yesterday with the consent of the publishers, Faber and Faber.

# BBC extends TV current affairs coverage

By Kenneth Gosling

New weekend programmes about current affairs were announced by BBC Television yesterday. The programmes, all on BBC2, have been developed from *Newsday*, which ran for four years.

They will be shown in the evening and the aim, according to Mr David Witherow, their new general editor, will be to provide insight into important issues facing Britain and the world, and feature people who make policies.

*Assignment*, on Sundays, has already begun and there will be three others: *Newsweek*, on Thursdays, beginning on November 2, *Westminster*, presented on Fridays from November 3 by David Holmes, the BBC's political editor, and *On the Record*, a 30-minute news conference on Saturdays from November 4 with Michael Charlton as the regular host and guest interviewers.

Mrs Indira Gandhi has accepted an invitation to appear on this programme, and Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, is interested.

# Vital documents for speedway case missing

From Our Correspondent
Bristol

Vital documents to be used as evidence in Bristol council's move to ban speedway racing have disappeared from the headquarters of the environmental health department.

The charts are believed to show the levels of noise and fumes recorded in tests by experts near Eastville stadium over the past two years. They would have provided the bulk of documentary evidence for Bristol City Council early next year when it seeks a High Court injunction to ban speedway on the grounds of excessive noise and fumes.

The city council said: "The chief environmental health officer confirmed that some noise-monitoring charts relating to speedway are missing from his department. That does not affect the advice given by officers to members at the special public protection committee."

Mr James Cole, secretary of the speedway supporters' association, said: "This is the first I have heard of such a theft. I cannot imagine anyone being so fanatical about the future of speedway that they would go as far as this."

# Dutch send third alleged terrorist to W Germany

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Oct 17

Knut Folkerts, the most prominent of the three alleged members of the West German Red Army Group terrorist organization to have been held in Dutch prisons, was extradited to West Germany today. Christof Wackernagel and Gert Schneider were handed over last Friday.

Herr Folkerts, aged 26, was taken to West Germany by helicopter from the maximum security prison at Maastricht, where he was brought on Friday from Scheveningen to attend a hearing by the Council of State, the highest administrative court in the Netherlands.

According to a communiqué issued by the Dutch Ministry of Justice Herr Folkerts has been "temporarily put at the disposal of West Germany to stand trial there". This means he has been handed over on the understanding that he will be allowed to return to Holland on November 7 when the Dutch Supreme Court hears his appeal against an additional West German request for his extradition.

This additional request, made in June, charged Herr Folkerts with being a party to an attack on a court building in Karlsruhe and was necessary in order to be able to prosecute him on this point.

In May of this year the Dutch Supreme Court decided that Herr Folkerts's extradition was admissible, although not with respect to his alleged role in the kidnapping of Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer, the murdered West German industrialist. According to the court this act could be considered to be of a political nature as defined by the European Convention on Terrorism.

Herr Folkerts was extradited today for "the same reasons" that Herr Schneider and Herr Wackernagel were extradited on Friday. They were immediately handed over to West Germany after they had refused two meals. Herr Folkerts, who learnt of his comrades' action after arriving in Maastricht, followed their example on Saturday.

He is wanted in West Germany as an alleged member of an illegal organization and on suspicion of having been a party to the murder of Dr Siegfried Buback, the chief public prosecutor. He is also suspected of having taken part with others in the abduction of Dr Schleyer and of the attack in Karlsruhe.

In December of last year Herr Folkerts was sentenced by a court in Utrecht to 20 years' imprisonment for the murder of a policeman and the attempted murder of another while resisting arrest.


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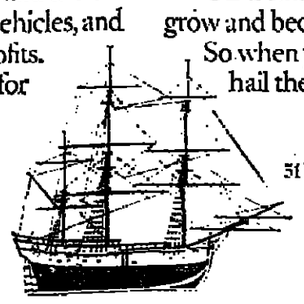
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HE NEW POPE

# John Paul II outlines his aim of achieving ll communion with all Christians

me, Oct 17.—Following is full text of the first mes- of Pope John Paul II to church and to the world cial Vatican translation), ided by Reuters.

erend cardinals, sons and sters of the Holy Church, all of good will, who now listen : y one word, among so many s, comes immediately to our in this moment. We present lves to you after our election e see of the Apostle Peter, the word that comes to mind evident contrast with our ural and human limitations be- the immense responsibility sted to us is : "How rich the depths of God—how deep wisdom and knowledge—and impossible to penetrate His es or understand His meth-

fact, who could have fore- after the death of our un- table Paul VI, the premature ture of his lovable successor, Paul I ? How would we have able to foresee that this for- ble heritage would have pas- to our shoulders ? Therefore must meditate on the mysteri- design of the provident God, good God—not to understand rather to adore and to obey. e feel the need to repeat the cation of the Psalmist, who, ng his eyes upward, ex- med, "When I am in trouble, ll to Yahweh, and He answers

ese events, which no one fore- happening in so brief a time, the inadequacy with which we respond to that expectation s us not only to turn to the and to trust completely in but also prevents us from ning programmes for our pon- ate which would be the fruit ong reflection and careful de- opment. But to make up for there is already something ent. It is the sign of the com- ng presence of God.

is less than a month since all us, both inside and outside e historic walls of the Sistine pel, heard the allocution of e John Paul, at the very begin- g of his promising ministry as reme pastor. The memory is fresh that each one of us holds close.

considering the wisdom of the nts contained therein, it is not sible to prescind from it. Re- mbering the circumstances in ich it was presented, it is right recall it here at the beginning a new pontificate. With it, we d ourselves in the presence of d and the Church.

We want, therefore, to highlight ne direct points that we hold in ominence. On our part—as we ppose and hope with the help the Lord—these matters not ly hold our attention and con- nt, but they also are specially mpelling, corresponding as they with the ecclesial reality.

Above all, we want to insist the constant importance of the cond Vatican Council. For us, is a formal obligation that it studiously put into effect. Is the Council a milestone in the 00-year history of the church, d indeed in the religious and ltural history of the world ? t just as the Council is not ntained merely in documents, ither is it put into effect by e implementation which has en place in these so-called post- uncil years.

We consider, therefore, our imary duty that of promoting, th prudent, but encouraging ction, the most exact execution the norms and the directives the Council. Above all we avour the development of a roper mentality.

First it is necessary to place neself in harmony with the Council. One must put into prac- ice what was stated, and what as "implicit" should be made xplicit in light of the experi- entation that followed and in onjunction with emerging, new ircumstances.

It is essential, in a word, that he fertile seeds which the fathers f the Second Vatican Council, ourished by the word of God, owed in the good earth should row to maturity, a maturity of novement and of life. By the eed is meant their authoritative eachings and their pastoral delib- erations.

This general thrust of faithful- ess to the Second Vatican Coun- il and the express intention on our part to put it into effect embraces many aspects. There are he missionary and the ecumenical aspects, there are disciplinary and organizational aspects, but one aspect above all others—the one that calls for the closest attention, is that of ecclesiology (the theo- logy of the Church).

Venerable brothers and beloved sons and daughters of the Catho- lic world, it is necessary to take hold again of that "Magna Carta" of the Council, the dogmatic con- stitution Lumen Gentium.

We must make a renewed and strengthened meditation on the nature and the function of the Church, on its mode of being and of acting—and this not merely to develop still more perfectly that living communion in Christ of all who hope and believe in Him, but also to contribute to a fuller and and closer unity within the whole human race.

Pope John XXIII used to love to repeat the words : "The Church of Christ is the light of the nations." The church—and here the Council echoed this truth—is the universal sacrament of salvation and of unity for the human race.

The mystery of salvation which finds its centre in the Church and is actualized through the Church, the dynamism which on account of that same mystery animates the people of God, the special bond or collegiality which "with Peter and under Peter" binds together the bishops, all these are elements on which we have not yet suffici- ently reflected.

We must do so in order to decide in the face of human needs, whether permanent or passing, what the Church should adopt as its mode of presence and its course of action.

To have both a clearly marked path and a driving stimulus all of us, bishops and faithful, must always adhere to the teachings of the Council, seen in the light of tradition and placed in harmony with the dogmatic formulations arrived at a century ago by the First Vatican Council. This way too, we repeat, we are able to walk towards life and on the road of history.

In a special way we urge a deeper reflection on the implica- tions of collegiality, so that our minds might be better informed and that we might undertake our responsibilities more conscien- tiously. The bond of collegiality closely links the bishops to the successor of Peter and to each other. Thus they carry out their function of bringing the light of the Gospel to the world, of sanctifying it by the instruments of Grace and of guiding with pastoral care the whole people of God.

Collegiality undoubtedly means that there will be appropriate development of those bodies, sometimes new, sometimes up- dated, which can secure a better union of heart, of will, of activity in building up the body of Christ which is the Church. In this regard we make special mention of the Synod of bishops, first established before the Council came to an end by that man of immense genius, Paul VI.

Over and above our reference to the Council, there remains the responsibility for total fidelity to the mission which we have received and which above all binds us. At this point in the discourse, what applies to others is valid also for us, and therefore we speak in the first person.

Called as we are to the supreme responsibility in the Church, it is above all we who are obliged to be an example of willingness and of action. We must express with all our strength this fidelity. We must always keep intact the deposit of faith, mindful of the special mandate of Christ who, making Simon the "Rock" on which He built the Church, gave him the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. He commanded him to strengthen his brothers and to feed the sheep and lambs of his flock as a witness of love.

We are completely convinced that all modern inquiry into the "Petrine ministry" must be based on these three hinges of the Gospel. What is proper and peculiar to it becomes clearer day by day. We are dealing here with individual facets of the office which are connected with the very nature of the Church to pre- serve its internal unity and to guarantee its spiritual mission. This has been entrusted not only to Peter but also to his legitimate successor.

We are convinced also that this most singular mission must be done always in love. Love is the source which nourishes and the climate in which one grows. It is the necessary response to the question of Jesus : "Do you love me ?"

We repeat, therefore, with St Paul : "The love of Christ urges us on." Because we wish our ministry to be a ministry of love, we wish it to be so in its every expression and manifestation.

Our purpose now is to follow in the school of our immediate pre- decessors. Who does not remem- ber the words of Pope Paul VI, who preached a "civilization of love", and about a month before his death he reaffirmed with all his heart : "I have kept the faith." He did not do so for self-praise but, rather that after 15 years of service in his apos- tolic ministry, he might thoroughly and religiously examine his con- science.

And what can we say of John Paul I ? It seems that almost yesterday he left our ranks to take the weight of the papacy, but what warmth ! It was a true "wave of love", that he gave the world in his last greeting at the Sunday Angelus ; this he offered to the world in the few days of his ministry. He confirmed it by his wise teaching on faith, on hope and on love during his public audiences.

Venerable brothers, dear sons and daughters, it is obvious that fidelity also demands adherence to the teaching of Peter especially in the field of doctrine. The objective importance of the magisterium should always be kept in mind and safeguarded. In our age, there appear here and there dangers to certain truths of the Catholic faith. Fidelity also means respect for liturgical norms issued by Church authorities. It excludes, therefore, either arbi- trary and uncontrolled innovation or the resistance to that which have been legitimately prescribed and introduced in the sacred rites.

Faithfulness indicates also respect for the great discipline of the Church. This, too, as you remember, was spoken of by our predecessor. Discipline is not aimed only at mortification, but also as a guarantee for the correct ordering proper to the mystical body. It assures the customary and natural relationship among all the members who make up that body.

Fidelity signifies furthermore a generous cooperation with the de- mands of the priestly and religious vocation in a way that what is freely promised to God will always be maintained and developed inas- much as life is viewed always from a supernatural perspective.

For the faithful finally, as the word itself indicates, faithfulness should be a natural responsibility of their being Christians. They should profess their faith with a prompt and loyal spirit. They should witness it both by obed- ience to their sacred pastors whom the Holy Spirit has placed to shepherd the Church and by col- laborating in those initiatives and tasks to which they have been called.

At this point, we cannot forget our brothers of other churches and Christian confessions. The ecumenical cause is actually so great and delicate that we cannot now let it go unmentioned. How many times have we meditated to- gether on the last will of Christ, that asks the father for his dis- ciples the gift of unity.

And who does not recall the insistence of St Paul on the "com- munion of the spirit", which leads one to be united in love with a common purpose and a common mind in the imitation of Christ the Lord ? It does not seem possible that there would still remain the drama of the divi- sion among Christians—a cause of confusion and perhaps even of scandal.

We intend, therefore, to pro- ceed along the way already begun, by favouring those steps which serve to remove obstacles. Hope- fully, then, thanks to a common effort, we might arrive finally at full communion.

We desire, furthermore, to turn to all men who, as sons of the omnipotent God, are our brothers in love and service. We say to them without presumption, but with sincere humility, that we desire to make an effective con- tribution to the cause of permanent and prevailing peace, of develop- ment, of international justice. We have no intention of political interference, nor of participation in the working out of temporal affairs.

Just as the Church excludes be- ing contained within the cate- gories of earthly order, so our responsibility in approaching these burning questions of men and of nations shall be deter- mined only by religious and moral motivation. Follow him who said to his followers that the ideal of their life is to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world". We intend to work for the consolidation of spiritual sup- ports on which human society can build.

This duty seems more urgent for us now in the light of the on-going inequalities and mis- understandings, which in turn are the cause of tensions and con- flicts in many parts of the world. They bear within themselves the further threat of added inhuman catastrophes. Constant, therefore, shall be our concern, faced with such problems. Inspired by the Gospel: we will seek timely, un- prejudiced action.

It is good to take to heart at this moment the grave problem which the College of Cardinals addressed during the sede vacante —that regarding the beloved land of Lebanon and its people who earnestly desire peace and liberty.

At the same time we would like to reach out our hands and open our hearts in this moment, to all people and to those who are oppressed by whatever injustices or discrimination whether it has to do with economy, life in society, political life or the freedom of conscience and just religious freedom. We must reach out with all means to them, that all forms of injustice manifest in our times be rejected by public opinion. May they be remedied, so that all might live a life worthy of man. That which is part of the mission of the Church as seen in the Second Vatican Council, and not only in the dogmatic constitution, Lumen Gentium but, also in the pastoral constitution, Gaudium Spes, has been brought to light.

Brothers, dear sons and daugh- ters, the recent happenings of the Church and of the world are for us all a healthy warning : how will our pontificate be ? What is the destiny the Lord has assigned to his Church in the years to come ? What road will humanity take as it approaches the year 2000 ? These are burning ques- tions. The only answer is : "God knows".

Our personal fate which has brought us unexpectedly to the heaviest responsibility of apostol- ic service is of little significance. Our person—we ought to say—must be lost as we confront the weighty office we must fill. And so a speech must be changed into an appeal. After praying to the Lord, we feel it necessary to beg your prayers to gain that in- dispensable, higher strength that will make it possible for us to take up the work of our predeces- sors from the point where they left off.



The Pope at prayer in the Sistine Chapel.

After acknowledging their cherished memory, we offer to each one of you, the cardinals, who chose us for this respon- sibility, a greeting which is sin- cere and grateful. We extend a greeting which is both trusting and encouraging to all our brothers in the episcopacy, to the bishops who in different parts of the world preside over the care of the individual churches; the chosen sections of the people of God and who are co-workers with us in the work of universal sal- vation.

Behind them, we acknowledge the order of the priesthood, the bank of missionaries, the com- panies of religious men and women. At the same time we earnestly hope that their numbers will grow, echoing in our mind those words of the Saviour : "The harvest is great, the labourers are few."

Then we turn again to the families and to Christian com- munities, to the many associations of the apostolate, to the faithful who, even if they are not known individually to us, are not anony- mous, not strangers, nor marginal —never—they will be in the glorious company of the Church of Christ.

# Satisfaction expressed by Polish leadership

Warsaw, Oct 17.—Poland's communist leadership said to- day that the election of Pope John Paul II had caused "great satisfaction" in Poland, and ex- pressed the hope that relations between the country and the Holy See would continue to de- velop.

Mr Edward Gierek, the party leader, Mr Henryk Jablonski, the head of state and Mr Piotr Jaroszewicz, the Prime Minis- ter, sent a message of congratu- lation to the Pope.

It said : "This significant de- cision by the conclave of cardinals has caused great satisfac- tion in Poland. On the papal throne—for the first time in history—a son of the Polish nation is sitting.

"A nation warmly promoting cooperation and friendship be- tween all peoples, a nation which has visibly contributed to the development of human culture.

"We are convinced that the further development of rela- tions between the Polish People's Republic and the Holy See will continue to serve those important tasks."

The Polish press struck a carefully optimistic note, ex- pressing the hope that John Paul II would pursue the same policies of détente as his prede- cessors.

Zycie Warszawy printed on its front page a picture of the for- mer Cardinal Karol Wojtyla and said that his election was re- ceived with "obvious interest".

This was true not only for the Catholic Church and its ad- herents but for all public opinion, it said. "The newly elected Pope assumed the name John Paul II. To this fact the world is pinning hope that the cause of peace and peaceful co- operation between nations will continue also during this pon- tificate."

The Communist Party organ Trybuna Ludu published on its front page a report from Rome by Polish news agency PAP and a brief statement by a govern- ment spokesman, but refrained from comment.

The whole front page of the left-wing Catholic newspaper Slowo Powszechne contained detailed election reports and pictures of the Pope addressing the crowd in St Peter's Square, with Cardinal Wyszynski the Polish Primate, at his side.

The newspaper also reported a solemn thanksgiving Mass celebrated last night in Cracow, the Pope's former see. Prayers were said in the church of his birthplace at Wadowice.—Reuter.

Prague : All Czechoslovak news- papers carried brief reports of the papal election.

The Communist Party news- paper Rude Pravo printed the news in two paragraphs on its inside foreign page, while the other Prague newspapers, car- ried it on their front pages.

The Vicar-General of Prague, Mgr Frantisek Vanek, said : "I would think the dialogue be- tween Church and state will con- tinue with greater intensity, but we shall have to wait and see."

Disclaiming a right to speak on behalf of the Protestant Church in Czechoslovakia, a pastor said: "I suppose the elec- tion is an expression of the recognition for the fight of the Polish Church. It is likely to have an influence on entire Church policy"—Reuter and AP.

# The Queen's wishes for a successful pontificate

The Queen and Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, yesterday sent messages of good will to Pope John Paul II.

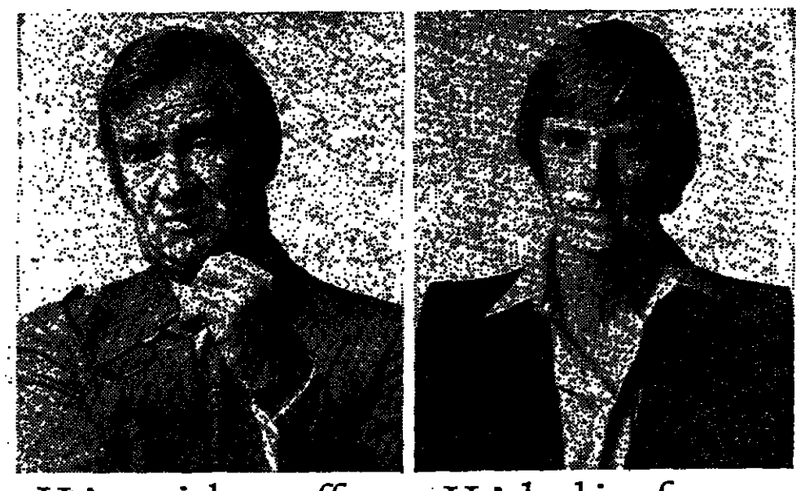
The Queen said : "I send to Your Holiness my warmest con- gratulations on your assumption to the high office to which you have been called and my best wishes for a happy and success- ful pontificate.

Mr Callaghan said : "I offer to Your Holiness on the assumption of your high office my greetings and my very best wishes for the success of your pontificate".

Mr Julian Amery, Conserva- tive MP for Brighton, Pavilion, addressing the Carlton Club political committee in London last night congratulated the cardinals on their decision. "They have understood the weakness of the Church in the West and its tendency to try to appease its foes. They have rejected the public relations gimmick of a 'third world' Pope.

"Instead, they have chosen a man who has been a field commander in just about the most exposed front-line trench of what remains of Christen- dom.


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WEST EUROPE

# Briton wins Nobel chemistry prize for his research into energy systems of living cells

From Roger Choate
Stockholm, Oct 17

Dr Peter Mitchell of Glynn Research laboratories in Bodmin, Cornwall, was awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize for Chemistry today b ythe Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The award is for seminal research into chemical processes responsible fo rthe energy supply of living cells.

The Academy praised Dr Mitchell for contributin gto a deeper understanding of biological energy transfer—and, in particular, the formulation of the "chemiosmotic theory" of how *protons are driven across* the membranes of particular cells in green plants.

Dr Mitchell, aged 58 has been Glynn research director sonce 1964. He will receive the 884,000 (£42,000) award from King Carl XVI Gustaf on December 10, in Stockholm.

He developed the chemiosmotic theory in 1961 while working in the Department of Zoology at Edinburgh University and it was initially viewed with scepticism by the scientific community.

"But over the past 15 years, work in both Mitchell's and many other laboratories has shown that the basic postulates of his theory are correct", the Swedish Academy said.

*The Nobel prize for physics*, also announced today, was jointly awarded to two Americans and a Russian.

Professor Piotr Leonevitch Kapitsa, of the Institute of Physical Problems at the Academy of Sciences in Moscow, was praised for his basic



**Dr Mitchell: at first his theory attracted scepticism**



**Professor Kapitsa: expert in low temperature physics**

inventions and discoveries integral to "low temperature physics" which involves the properties of materials at temperatures immediately above absolute zero.

The Americans, Dr Arno Penzias and Dr Robert Wilson of Bell Telephone Laboratories, New Jersey ,received the award for their discovery of cosmic microwavt background radiation.

Various astronomical objects emit radation in the form of radio waves and the two research workers' measurements ot this form of radiation led to the surprising conclusion that the universe is still filled uniformly with microwave radiation.

Their research would tend to support the 'big bang" theory about the origin of the universe by making it possibel to obtain information about cosmic processes which took place "a very long time ago, at the time of the creation of the universe", the Academy said.

In giving the chemistry prize to Dr Mitchell, the Academy underlined that important details about molecular mechanisms are still unclear. But his chemiosmotic theory, as a fundamental principle in bioenergetics provides rational basis for future work in rescribing the detailed mechanisms of oxidative phosphorylation and photophosphorylation.

Born in Mitcham, Surrey, Dr Mitchell received his doctorate in biochemistry from Cambridge University in 1950. He was demonstrator at the univesity's Department of Biochemistry until 1955, when he was appointed director of the Chemical Biology Unit at Edinburgh.

Nature-Times News Service writes: Dr Mitchell's chemiosmotic theory explains how cells convert food into metabolic energy. This is done in micron copic bodies in the cells known as mitochondria, in which the energy rich compound ATP—which acts as a universal source of metbolic energy—is produced during respiration.

The essential chemical reaction is the oxydation of the compound ADP to ATP, locking energy into the extra chemical bond. The vital link in this reaction turns out to be the double mitochrondial membrane. The energy for this reaction is produced by the transfer of electrons along a chain of proteins attached to the mitochondrial membrane.

Mitchell's theory proposes that at the same time protons are expelled from the outer surface of the inner membrane and are transmitted through the outer membrane by osmosis.

Thus an ion concentration of proton charged gradient is set up across the membrane and it is via this potential gradient that the chemical energy is stored and used to form ATP. The chemical reaction equilibrium in the phosphorylation of an ADP to a TP depends very sensitively on ion concentration, controlled by the membrane.

Professor Kapitsa, aged 84, began research in nuclear physics at Cambridge under Rutherford (of whom he was a close friend)

# Britain likely to be charged over fishery conservation

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, Oct 17

The European Commission is expected to decide tomorrow to prosecute Britain before the European Court of Justice for at least four of the fish conservation measures introduced unilaterally in recent months.

Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the Commissioner for Agriculture and Fisheries, is understood to be satisfied that the Commission has a legal case, and he will ask his 12 fellow commissioners for their agreement at their weekly meeting in Brussels tomorrow.

Among the measures for which Britain is likely to be prosecuted are the closure of the Mourne herring fishery and the exteusion of the area covered by the fishing ban for Norway pout off North-East Scotland.

The commission believes the Mourne ban discriminates *against other member states*, and is therefore illegal.

The extension of the pout ban, in the commission's view, is not justified by the scientific evidence. Britain argues that the ban is needed to protect stocks of immature haddock and whiting which would otherwise be scooped-up in the small-mesh nets used for catching pout.

The commission is also expected to take legal action against what it considers to be the premature British imposition of a minimum 70mm net mesh size for prawn and shrimp fishing, and against an allegedly discriminatory ban on herring fishing off the Isle of Man.

Under EEC rules, member states may introduce fish conservation measures nationally if attempts to get agreement at the community level have failed. But any such measures must be clearly non-discriminatory and scientifically necessary.

Britain has long been at loggerheads with the rest of the EEC over fisheries policy. EEC foreign ministers were due later today to discuss Britain's refusal to approve framework fishing agreements with Norway, Sweden and the Faroes so long as the Community's internal fishing policy remains unresolved.

If the courts were to rule against Britain, the Government would have to abolish the fisheries measures complained of.

Our Agricultural Corespondent writes: Britain refused yesterday to dismantle its latest national measures to conserve fish stocks. It was claimed in Whitehall that the announcement of the decision immediately before a meeting between British and West German heads of government was coincidence. Fishing has been put on the agenda at the request of the German government, and Mr oJhn Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, will attend the meeting.

Mr Silkin is regarded in many European capitals and in the EEC Commission as the chief obstacle to reaching a fisheries agreement. Yesterday his officials realsed the text of the Government's reply to a list of complaints and appeals sent to London in September by Mr Gundelach.

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# Spanish police mutineers to be dismissed from force

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Oct 17

The Spanish Interior Ministry has begun administrative action to dismiss 25 policemen, including *a second-lieutenant* and three corporals for their part in the mutiny last weekend at the main Bilbao headquarters of the security police, it was reported here today.

The 25 are now under arrest at a military prison in Burgos, pending approval by the commander of the Sixth Military District, which includes Bilbao, of the proposed extreme disciplinary measure.

Senior officers of the 25 have recommended that 13 of them be drummed-out of the corps "because they stood out among the rabble-rousers" during the incidents at the police station, and the other 12 be dismissed for dereliction of duty, according to the Madrid daily *El Pais*.

Informed sources here say that six others might be punished, and that there is still a possibility that some policemen might be court-martialled, since in Spain the police forces come under military jurisdiction and their officers actually come from the armed forces.

In addition, the transfer of over 400 members of the security police forces from Bilbao to other parts of Spain has begun. All of those affected by transfer orders are married, have served more than one year in the troubled Basque country and, presumably, took part in the mutiny.

So far the Interior Ministry has not announced any disciplinary action against them. The transfer is an administrative affair rather than a punishment, since it presages new policies of rotation and restricted authorization for dependants to reside with policemen assigned to duty in the north of the country.

The transfer also solves a thorny problem for the Government by getting the angry police wives, who took part in the incident last weekend and in previous right-wing demonstrations, out of the area.

Those transferred to other provinces will suffer pay cuts ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 pesetas a month (£73 to £145), the "danger pay" currently authorized for security policemen serving in the Basque country.

An atmosphere of tension persists at some security police and Civil Guard stations in various parts of the country, particularly in the Basque provinces. There is a distinct possibility that anti-Government incidents might occur at other police garrisons, according to reports reaching here.

The Madrid evening newspaper *Informaciones* quoted "persons close to the police" as stating that policemen will be extremely sensitive to the disciplinary measures which are applied in the case of the Bilbao mutineers.

It is also believed, according to Basque sources, that another ETA assassination of policemen could set off fresh incidents among the forces whose mission it is to keep the peace.

In Madrid, there was no official indication of measures being taken to head-off any repetition of the Bilbao mutiny.





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# £13,000 salary 'too large' for European MPs

From Our Own Correspondent
Luxembourg, Oct 17

Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in Luxembourg today that a salary of £13,000 for British members of the first directly elected European parliament would be much too large.

This is roughly the figure proposed by leaders of the political groups represented in the parliament, whose members are at present nominated indirectly. *The salaries proposed for other* nationalities range up to more than £22,000 for the Germans and Danes.

"Why should a man representing Hampshire in the European parliament be paid twice as much as a man from Portsmouth representing his constituency at Westminster?" Mr Judd asked.

It was absolutely vital, Mr Judd said, that European parliamentary salaries were appropriate for social conditions in the countries the MPs came from. It was also essential that they should be subject to the same tax laws as their electors.

# British airliner and MiG 'in near collsion'

By Our Air Correspondent

The joint military power in Berlin, consisting of representatives of Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States, is to investigate reports that a British Airways airliner and a Russian fighter nearly collided in the corridor between Berlin and West Germany earlier this month.

The airliner was a BAC 1-11 operating flight BA780 with 97 passengers between London and Tegel airport, West Berlin, on October 5.

The Soviet fighter was a MiG, but an *official at the Foreign* Office in London said yesterday that the incident did not seem to have been an attempt at "buzzing" the airliner.

British Airways said yesterday that the incident appeared to be a "near miss".

OVERSEAS

# Mr Trudeau suffers by-election defeat

From John Best
Ottawa, Oct 17

Mr Pierre Trudeau's Government suffered a stunning defeat at the polls yesterday when Liberal candidates won only two of 15 by-elections held across Canada.

The Conservatives, under their young leader, Mr Joe Clark, won an almost equally stunning victory, capturing 10 seats and a full 50 per cent of the popular vote. Two seats went to the New Democratic Party and one to the right-wing Social Credit Party.

The results represented a net gain of four for the Conservatives and one for the NDP. The Liberals lost five seats and the SCP retained the one seat it held before: Lotbinière in Quebec.

Mr Trudeau's Liberals failed to win a single seat outside French-speaking Quebec. In that province, Canada's second largest, they retained Montreal Westmount and picked up St Hyacinthe from the Conservatives.

Elsewhere the "mini-general election" produced nothing but woe for the Liberals, whose candidates in most constituencies did not even come close

*The Prime Minister, who is* now in the last year of his five-year mandate and is expected to call a general election next spring, told reporters that he did not think the vote was against him personally. There was no question, however, that the results reflected "an anti-government trend".

Asked whether he thought the outcome could force people in the Liberal Party to call for a review of his leadership, Mr Trudeau replied: "No—we'll have to wait and see. You win some and lose some."

Mr Clark saw the results as "an anti-Trudeau vote", and claimed that the Liberal Party had lost forever any chance of regaining seats outside Quebec. "It is time for a new team to take over the direction of the country", he said.

He acknowledged that the defeat of the Liberals outside Quebec, coupled with the Conservatives' failure to win a seat inside Quebec, indicated a "dangerous polarity" between English-speaking and French-speaking Canada. The Conservatives now have only two seats in Quebec.

Yesterday's voting produced a breakthrough for the socialist NDP, which for the first time won a seat in Canada's eastern-most province, Newfoundland. It took Humber-St George's-St Barbe away from the Conservatives. It also held on to Toronto.

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# No early recall for Rhodesia MPs on race laws

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Oct 17

The Rhodesian Parliament will not be recalled early to aprove measures to end racial discrimination, Mr Hilary Squires, Commissioner of Justice and leader of the House, anounced today.

He said in an interview that necessary legislation was unlikely to be ready much before the end of November, when Parliament was due to sit in any case.

There had been demands for an early recall of Parliament from several quarters, including a black Cabinet Minister, in order to ratify the decision taken early last week by the Executive Council to scrap all race laws.

Los Angeles: Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister called today for a "Camp David-style" conference to help end the crisis in his country. Hhe said he would accept a State Department invitation to fresh talks with American and British officials on Friday to discuss the holding of an all-party settlement conference

But he added: "I was encouraged by the President's efforts at Camp David to reach a solution in the Arab-Israeli conflict. (If) the principles were applied to our situation, the problems would fall away and there would be no bar to a peaceful solution."

# Arab states recommend cutting of Beirut Christians' aid from Israel

From Robert Fisk
Beit Eddine, Lebanon, Oct 17

Foreign ministers of the Arab states which contribute to the mainly-Syrian peacekeeping force in Lebanon ended their summit conference tonight with eight recommendations which would, if put into practice, effectively castrate the power of the country's Christian militias.

The seventh clause in the final communiqué, which is clearly aimed at the 12,000-strong force of Christian Maronites which has been fighting the Syrian Army in Beirut over the past four months, demands an end to any dealings between Lebanese and "the Israeli enemy".

Since the Christian Phalangists and Mr Camille Chamoun's militiamen have been boasting of the military and political support which they receive from the Israelis, the conference communiqué amounts to a threat. If the Christians do not comply, then the full strength of the Arab world may be used against them.

But the word "may" is important, for the conference delegates insisted that their final communiqué should be regarded as a series of recommendations and not resolutions. Quite clearly, they intend to allow the right-wing Christians time to reconsider their position.

If the conflict in east Beirut is rekindled in the coming days, then Syria and its Arab colleagues intend to demonstrate to the world that the Christians are responsible for it.

The eight proposals amount to a reiteration of the Riyadh and Cairo agreements of 1976 which were intended to pacify Lebanon after the nation's 18-month civil war. But the added proviso that no one should be permitted to "deal" with Israel is specifically aimed at the Christians. During the war it was Syria rather than Israel which saved the Christian community from extinction.

The recommendations, cut to their barest essentials, amount to the following:

1: the unity and independence of Lebanon should be strengthened.

2: "armed manifestations"—in other words armed gangs—should be "eliminated" and all illegally-held arms collected by the Lebanese Government.

3: the application of the Cai and Riyadh agreements.

4: the banning of all new papers and radio stations whi are illegal and operate witho a licence. (After the civil w the Lebanese Government w unable to stop the publicati of newspapers which refused submit to censorship. T Christian radio also refuses submit texts of its broadcasts the Government, although claimed tonight that it w unaffected by the resolution).

5: a timetable for the rebuil ing of the Lebanese army.

6: national reconcilation t tween all Lebanese parties.

7: application of the law whi forbids Lebanese from deali with "the Israeli enemy".

8: the formation of a comm tee comprising Syria, Sau Arabia and Kuwait to "advise President Sarkis on a measures he may delegate to

Although it is not stated so many words, the communiq is the basis for a renewal the Arab League peacekeepi force's mandate in Lebano This means that Syria's 30,00 strong army will remain he for at least another six monti despite the demands from M Chamoun and his colleagu

# Arbitration agreed on Middle East treaty

From Michael Knipe
Jersulem, Oct 17

Israel and Egypt have agreed to go to arbitration should disputes arise during the implementation of the peace treaty now being finalized in Washington.

Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, disclosed this here today to the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee. He said the arbitration committee would be chosen by both Israel and Egypt.

In the face of some resentment at the secrecy with which the Camp David negotiations were conducted and the fact that neither the Cabinet nor the foreign affairs committee was kept informed, Mr Begin has been at pains to keep the two bodies briefed during the latest negotiations. The Cabinet was briefed on Sunday and again today.

The Prime Minister told the Knesset committee that before a peace treaty was initialled the details of it would be presented both to the Cabinet and the committee for discussion. He declined to predict when the negotiations would be concluded but said there were virtually no differences on substantive issues.

The Cabinet is scheduled to meet again on Friday and there is speculation that Mr Moshe Dayan, the Foreign Minister, and of Mr Ezer Weizman, the Minister of Defence, may return from Washington

The Washington negotiations are expected here to be concluded by early next week at the latest. According to reports from Washington an understanding has been reached over a formulation of words regarding the link between the peace treaty and the measures to be taken over the Palestinians and the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Egypt is said to have demanded that Israel make a commitment to hold elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip within three months of the signing of the treaty, and that on the same date the Israeli military administrtion in the occupied territory be abolished. According to the report, although the Egyptian demand was supported by the United States, Israel objected and a compromise agreement was later reached.

Washington: President Carter has invited the Egyptian and Israeli negotiators to meet him separately, amid signs the talks are nearing final agreement, diplomatic sources said.

They said that a formal signing of a treaty might take place in mid-November.—UPI.

# Benguela Railway to reopen

Luanda, Oct 17.—Presiden Agostinho Neto of Angola sai today that the Benguela Rail way, used for exports of Zair and Zambian copper, will b reopened before the middle o next month.

He was addressing a pres conference with Presiden Mobutu of Zaire after the two heads of state signed a frame-work agreement on cooperation between their two countries.

President Mobutu announced that Zaire no longer gave refuge to two Angola rebel groups which previously operated from its territory: the Angolan People's Liberation Front (FNLA) and the Cabinda Enclave Liberation Front (FLEC).

The Zaire leader's visit here set the seal on the improvement of the two countries' relations which had been poor since Angola's independence in 1975

A joint comunique signed at the close of President Mobutu's three-day state visirm said the Benguela Railway, linking the Zambian Copperbelt and Shaba province with the Angolan Atlantic port of Lobito would be reopened, after being cut during the Angolan independence war.—Agence France-Presse.

# Compromise proposal for two Namibia polls makes slow progress in Pretoria

From Nicholas Ashford
Pretoria, Oct 17

After a second day of intensive secret negotiations between the five eWstern powers and South Africa, there were signs tonight that a compromise formula was being worked out on the key question of elections in Namibia (South-West Africa).

However, an official spokesman said tonight the talks had reached a "difficult stage" and it was clear the Western foreign ministers were making very slow progress in the face of South African refusal to make significant concessions.

It is understood that the formula would involve holding two separate elections: the first in December, as proposed by South Africa, the second probably around June next year, as laid down in the United Nations settlement plan.

The first round of elections for a constituent assembly would effectively be downgraded into a form of referendum, the results of which would not be formally recognized by the West or the United Nations. In return for the West relaxing its opposition towards the December polls, South Africa would accept the United Nations plan, which provides for United Nations supervized elections next year.

South Africa, the conservative Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) in Namibia and Mr Justice Marthinus Steyn, the Admiistrator-General, have all insisted there could be no going back on the December elections.

Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada have been equally adamant that the elections should be held next year to fulfil the terms of the United Nations plan and give the main Namibian opposition parties time to campaign.

The South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), the Namibia National Front (NNF) and the Swapo Democratic Party have al refused to take part in unilateral elections in December.

Although the formula being discussed would seem to provide a way out of this impasse, the West must be able to "sell" it to the African block at the United Nations to ward off demands for sanctions against South Africa.

There are likely to be strong African reservations about the status that would be conferred on the party which wins in December.

This is generally expected to be the DTA, whose leaders say they will draw up an independence constitution if they win and insist that further negotiations be conducted only with the elected body.

Mr John Viall, Mr Steyn's deputy, left hurriedly for Windhoek this afternoon where he was expected to have discussions with the DTA on the proposed compromise.

The election issue was discussed at length during a protracted working dinner with Western ministers last night given by Mr Pieter Botha, the South African Prime Minister. It was attended by Dr David Owen of Britain, Mr Cyrus Vance (the United States), Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher (West Germany), Mr Donald Jamieson (Canada), and Mr Olivier Stirn (France).

There were meetings between the Western five and the South African Government today. This morning the South African Cabinet met.

It is understood that broad agreement has already been reached on the question of the size of the United Nations force to be deployed in Namibia during the transition to independence. Progress is also reported on the question of consultation between South Africa and Mr Steyn on one side and Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, on the other, on implementation of the *United Nations plan.*

It now seems almost certain that the talks, which were due to end today, will continue well into tomorrow.

# Karpov set for chess title victory

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Baguio, Oct 12

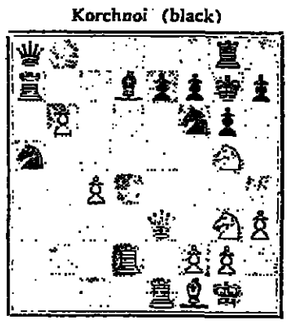
It looks very much as though Viktor Korchnoi's gallant attempt to come from behind and win the world chess championship has failed almost at the very last moment, as he can hardly hope to save the position in the adjourned thirty-second game.

*Whether somehow or other* word had got to him that the organizers were banishing from Baguio city the two members of the Ananda Marga sect on whom he relied for psychological help, or whether at long last his inventive genius failed him one cannot determine, but the fact is that he did not display in this game any shred of the ingenious resourcefulness that has characterized him in the last few weeks.

Korchnoi opened steadily enough with a Pirc defence similar to that he had played in the eighteenth game, which ended in a draw, Anatoly Karpov dealt with it solidly and established a strong central position against which Korchnoi *reacted by endeavouring to* obtain a queenside counter-attack.

But the champion rightly ignored this and concentrated on exchanging off a bishop that was vital to Korchnoi's kingside defences.

Korchnoi (black)



Karpov (white)
**Position at adjournment after 41 moves.**

By now the challenger was getting into time trouble and at one moment he had to make 11 moves in 5 minutes. He made them with one minute to spare but in the process lost a valuable pawn on the queenside.

When the game was adjourned with Korchnoi having to make the sealed move, the challenger seemed certain *to lose another pawn and to* have his kingside wrecked into the bargain.

Unfortunately for Korchnoi, this is not the sort of position which any amount of ingenuity can help and it seems even possible that this game will be resigned without resumption of play—a dismal ending to a most remarkable effort.

The score is Karpov 5, Korchnoi 5. The first to win six games will win the world title.

Thirty-second game. White Karpov. black Korchnoi Pirc defence.

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| 1 | P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 2 | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3 | Kt-QB3 | P-KKt3 |
| 4 | Kt-B3 | B-Kt2 |
| 5 | B-K2 | O-O |
| 6 | O-O | P-B4 |
| 7 | P-Q5 | Kt-R3 |
| 8 | B-KB4 | Kt-B2 |
| 9 | P-QR4 | P-QKt3 |
| 10 | R-K1 | B-Kt2 |
| 11 | B-B4 | Kt-R4 |
| 12 | B-KKt5 | Kt-B3 |
| 13 | Q-Q3 | P-QR3 |
| 14 | QR-Q1 | R-Kt1 |
| 15 | P-R3 | Kt-Q2 |
| 16 | Q-K3 | B-QR1 |
| 17 | B-R6 | P-QKt4 |
| 18 | BxB | KxB |
| 19 | B-B1 | Kt-B3 |
| 20 | PxP | PxP |
| 21 | Kt-K2 | B-Kt2 |
| 22 | Kt-Kt3 | R-R1 |
| 23 | P-B3 | R-R5 |
| 24 | B-Q3 | Q-R1 |
| 25 | P-K5 | PxP |
| 26 | QxKP | KtxP |
| 27 | BxQKtP | R-R2 |
| 28 | Kt-R4 | B-B1 |
| 29 | B-K2 | B-K3 |
| 30 | P-QB4 | Kt-Kt5 |
| 31 | QxP | Q-Kt1 |
| 32 | B-B1 | R-B1 |
| 33 | Q-KKt5 | K-R1 |
| 34 | R-Q2 | Kt-B3 |
| 35 | Q-R6 | R-Kt1 |
| 36 | Kt-B3 | Q-KB1 |
| 37 | Q-K3 | K-Kt2 |
| 38 | Kt-Kt5 | B-Q2 |
| 39 | P-QK'4 | Q-R1 |
| 40 | P-Kt5 | Kt-QR4 |
| 41 | P-Kt6 | adjourned |

# India to buy British Sea Harriers

By Arthur Reed

India is to buy up to 24 Sea Harrier vertical take-off fighters from Britain in a deal which could be worth £100 million.

The aircraft will operate off the Indian navy aircraft carrier Vikrant, from the deck of *which the Harrier was demon*strated by a Bristish test pilot during a sales tour in the early 1970s.

Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Indian Defence Minister, confirmed in Delhi yesterday that his Government had decided to buy the Harrier. I understand that the initial purchase will be for eight, with 16 others following later. The initial batch will consist of six single-seaters and two two-seat trainers.

This will be the first export order for the Sea Harrier, which has been bought by the Royal Navy for operation from its new generation of through-deck cruisers. The first Sea Harrier prototype flew in September.

# Heart patient dies

Cape Town, Oct 17.—A patient who received a second heart in an operation at Groote Schuur Hospital here last night died today.

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# hutto newspaper first be precensored by kistan Government

asan Akhtar
bad, Oct 17

Pakistan Government has rovincial governments to precensorship on cer- ewspapers and journals are publishing news or considered to constitute at to internal peace and ility. The order is al- beginning to bite.

*mat*, the Karachi Urdu ge newspaper of Mr the former Prime er, has been directed to to precensorship. Com- *s of censorship, compris-* epresentatives of district istration, martial law and information department been set up at Lahore, pindi and Faisalabad. ing that some news- s in these cities are going affected by the new law d under the West Paki- Maintenance of Public Ordinance 1960.

ther constraint being ht to bear on Pakistan is that of the Political s Act of 1962. A Presiden- decree issued last night ged the scope of the Act, ding for a Government n certain political parties. generally believed to aim Mr Bhutto's Pakistan e's Party which was d in 1968 in opposition eld Marshal Ayub Khan, te President.

far as the precensorship e press is concerned, the al statement said that "in in selected" cases, prin- publishers and editors had called upon to submit crutiny all sorts of mater- including photographs, hes and drawings pre- ial to the maintenance of ic order.

*seems that about half a* n newspapers and journals *porting Mr Bhutto and his* y are going to be most cted.

ne official statement said: *the interest of the freedom* the press the Government so far exercised great re- int and refrained from tak- action against such publica- s (which are held to be a at to peace and tranquility) er the existing laws. While press in general has dis- ved a sense of responsibility mall section of the press been taking undue advan- e of the liberal policy of Government and betrayed lorable lack of a sense of onsibility".

he precensorship is being osed barely a week after the ending of a bitter dispute between the Government and the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists and the All-Pakistan Newspaper Employees' Confederation over press freedom.

The Government seems to have been offended by the pro-Bhutto press which has been using a sharper tone in its comments and publishing news reports which are particularly unpalatable for the political parties now in partnership with the martial law regime.

A sudden intensification of the political activities of Pakistan People's Party activists also appears to have made some leaders of the Government parties nervous enough to demand a ban on Mr Bhutto's party.

However, Pakistan People's Party sources said that activists and the party press were merely reacting to the offensive mounted against the former ruling party, its press and its leaders in the pro-Government press.

The Presidential Ordinance on political parties prescribes stricter rules. The formation of any political party opposed to Islamic ideology, sovereignty, integrity or security of Pakistan or morality or maintenance of public order or receiving any foreign assistance would be prohibited, it said.

Under the Act, the Government can impose a ban on any party said to be violating the provisions of the ordinance. The Government would have to refer the matter to the Supreme Court within 15 days of an order being made against a party. The court's decision would be irrevocable.

Office holders of a party declared unlawful would be debarred from seeking election to any elected body or engage in any political activity for seven years. Violation of the provision would involve a prison sentence of up to three years.

A foreign-aided party has been defined in the ordinance as one which is organized at the instance of any government or political party of a foreign country or receives funds from foreign governments, parties or nationals.

This ordinance immediately following the press precensorship ordinance is seen as being primarialy aimed at the Pakistan People's Party which, according to a Government White Paper, had received \$20m to \$30m (£10m to £15m) for its election funds from an unidentified head of a Middle East country.

# Warning against state control of news

New York, Oct 17.—A group of journalists and communications experts today gave a warning against Third World proposals for government intervention in the world wide flow of information. They called for a committee to resolve questions on reporting and news distribution between Western and developing countries.

The group, assembled by the Twentieth Century Fund, met to discuss efforts by Third World governments to intervene in newsgathering in attempting to get more news from their regions into the Western press. The fund is an independent research foundation.

"The imposition of either formal or informal controls over communications will not only hinder the flow of information but also have deleterious effects on the quantity and quality of information disseminated in the West and the Third World", a report by the fund said.

The fund recommended that a private group of communications specialists and journalists from around the world should "monitor, evaluate and report suggestions and proposals for dealing with a free and more balanced flow of information".

It said that there was a serious imbalance in the flow of information between developing and developed nations, but that international newsgathering organizations had become much more sensitive to the needs of the Third World. —UPI.



**Princess Margaret with Michael Glaser (left) and David Soul, stars of the television series Starsky and Hutch, in Hollywood. The Princess had lunch with the actors**

# 'Hawk' in contest for Japanese premiership

Toyko, Oct 17.—Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Japanese Defence Minister and hawkish politician who wants to strengthen the country's armed forces, today entered the race to become Japan's next Prime Minister.

He accepted his supporters' nomination to stand in the election next month for the presidency of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). The winner automatically becomes Prime Minister. Other candidates are expected to be Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, Mr Masayoshi Ohira, the LDP secretary-general and Mr Toshio Komoto the Minister for International Trade and Industry.

Mr Nakasone, the 60-year-old chairman of the LDP's executive board, has proposed that Japan should revise its anti-militarist postwar constitution and has called for the rights to maintain armed forces for defence purposes and a tripling of defence spending.

The LDP has decided that candidates for the election should not officially declare their intentions to run before November 1. But Mr Ohira, aged 68, has already indicated that he will stand, and at present he seems to be the only contender with a chance of toppling Mr Fukuda, who is 73.

The 1,500,000 LDP members will vote in primary elections in mid-November to choose two candidates to go forward to a run-off on December 1.—Reuter.

# Soviet envoy's guarantee for convicted spies

Newark, New Jersey, Oct 17.—Two convicted Soviet spies were today allowed to remain free pending sentence after a judge heard that it was in the best interests of United States foreign policy.

Rudolf Chernyayev and Valdik Enger, both employed by the United Nations Secretariat in New York, were convicted on Friday of espionage.

Mr Robert de Tufo, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador, had guaranteed that "the defendants will not violate their bail".—Reuter.

# New TriStar has flawless flight for British Airways

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The first of a new series of wide-bodied airliners bought by British Airways made a "flawless" first flight from the Lockheed airfield at Palmdale, California, yesterday.

The aircraft is the TriStar 500, six of which are to be put into service by British Airways at a cost of £120m. A development of the TriStars which the airline has had in service for the past five years, the 500 has a range of more than 6,000 miles and carries 246 passengers.

British Airways is to introduce the TriStar 500 into service next year, when it will take over routes to the Middle East operated by British VC 10s and older Boeing 707s. It will be powered by Rolls-Royce RB211-524B engines developing 50,000lb of thrust.

The aircraft which flew for the first time yesterday was christened with a bottle of Californian sparkling wine at Palmdale last Thursday by Princess Margaret.

# Canadian postal workers called out on strike

Ottawa, Oct 17.—Canadian postal workers were called out on strike last night despite a Government threat to pass legislation ordering them back to work.

Talks between M André Ouellett, the Minister of Labour, and leaders of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers apparently failed to resolve disputes over a new work contract for the union's 23,000 members.

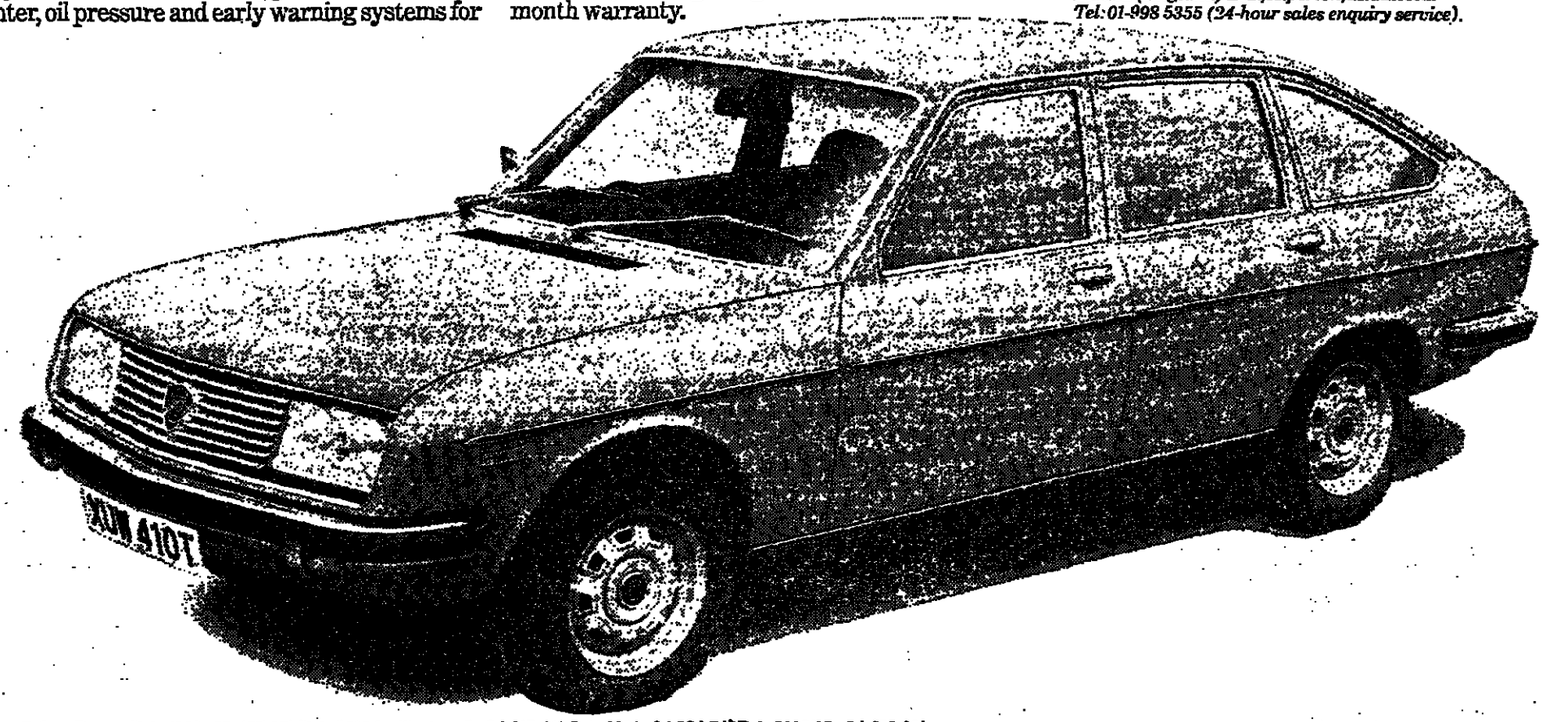
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## S mid-term elections

# lew Jersey voters asked o join tax-cut revolt

om Michael Leapman
eaton, New Jersey, Oct 17

If Mr Jeffrey Bell is elected ator for New Jersey in next nth's election it will confirm ond much doubt that the revolt which began in Cali- nia in June is now a sig- icant factor in national poli- s.

Opinion polls suggest that Mr ll, an earnest Republican ed 34, will not beat the mocrat, Mr William Bradley, o was a popular basketball ayer for the New York ickerbockers for 10 years.

Yet the Republicans are in- sting a lot of money in the mpaign and Mr Bell points t that, in the primary elec- n in the summer, the polls ve him no chance of beat- g Mr Clifford Case, an old- yle liberal Republican who s held the seat for 24 years. Even if he loses, Mr Bell will ve succeeded in setting the me of the campaign by mak- g his tax-cutting plan its cen- al, indeed almost its only sue. His television commer- als say: "California had pro- osition 13, New Jersey has effrey Bell", and in debates etween the two candidates cross the state, it is invariably mong the first topics raised y questioners.

Last week, one of the debates as held in the students' can- een at Trenton State College. The first question addressed o Mr Bell allowed him to ex- ound upon the "deep and per- anent tax reduction" which is is campaign theme: "Two hings have to happen for a tax evolt to take place. Taxes have o go too high, and services ave to be reduced. Sewers pring leaks, roads go unpaved, garbage isn't collected as often as it was. People perceive that decreasing taxes might make the services more efficient".

Because this is Mr Bell's issue, Mr Bradley's response inevitably seems defensive. Reducing federal taxes, he said, will mean reducing federal support for local services and will therefore lead to an increase in local and property taxes to make up the deficit. He supports tax cuts of a more limited nature.

New Jersey is partly a dormitory for New York City and partly one of the industrial states of the north-east which are by tradition overwhelmingly Democratic. The conventional wisdom is that the only Republicans who can win in that kind of state are liberals like the defeated Mr Case, or Senator Jacob Javits of New York.

The opinion polls indicate that the conventional wisdom could be right, giving Mr Bradley a 10-point lead over Mr Bell. Yet this is only half the lead he held two months ago, and more than half the voters have yet to make up their minds.

Earlier on the day of the debate, Mr Bell attended a fund-raising lunch (£75 a plate) at a country club in the plush northern part of the state. Afterwards he explained to me his support for a 33 per cent tax cut.

"The idea that government spending works has been discredited", Mr Bell said. "The idea that more government hiring produces economic benefit has been proved wrong. The liberal causes that enabled Case to win for 24 years are now counter-productive.

"The focus now must be on income growth rather than income distribution. Lower taxes will lead to real income growth."

While it is easy to see why this philosophy is attractive to the wealthy party donors at the lunch, I put it to Mr Bell that it was not likely to win votes among the poor people in New Jersey's decaying cities, many of whom rely on welfare payments for survival.

He responded by saying that, the previous weekend a leader of the black community in Jersey City had rallied to his cause, saying that now blacks had won a ticket to travel on the train, they wanted to make sure the train was going somewhere.

Mr Bell believes that keeping a high tax rate in Britain after the First World War "was one of the most significant failures in British government policy" and responsible for our economic troubles since.

He believes that people do not want central governments to spend their money for them, but would rather do it themselves or entrust it to smaller local authorities over which they can exercise control.

# Iran clashes toll rises to 16

Teheran, Oct 17.—The death toll in clashes during yesterday's mourning for demonstrators killed by martial law forces last month rose today to 16, according to press reports here. Hundreds more were said to be injured.

The victims all appeared to be in provincial towns, but Teheran and other big cities stayed calm. Some army detachments were still at potential trouble spots today but no incidents were reported.—UPI and Reuter.

# Another Soviet 'Unionist' held

Moscow, Oct 17.—Soviet police have arrested another member of a group of dissenting workers who set up an unofficial trade union last January, a spokesman for the movement said today.

Mr Vladimir Svirsky, aged 48, a biologist, was seized by police at his home here last Friday, according to Mr Vsevolod Kuvakin, who witnessed the arrest. The leader of the unofficial union has been confined to a psychiatric hospital. —Reuter.

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Candidates must be available for interview in London in April.

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# THE ARTS

**By Hammer and Hand**
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**Contemporary German and British Craft**
Birmingham Art Gallery

### John Russell Taylor

It is not for nothing that the Victorian Society's conference this year, on the subject of the Arts and Crafts Movement, took place in Birmingham. Of all provincial centres, Birmingham was the one most deeply involved in the movement. The Birmingham Guild of Handicraft, whose motto, "By hammer and hand All things shall stand", gives its title to the big new two-part exhibition, was only the most famous and *important part; there were* other groups working along the same lines, such as the Bromsgrove Guild, the Bournville School of Arts and Crafts, the St Dunstan's Works, and a lot of individual architects and craftsmen who *flourished* for the time being in what was obviously a very propitious atmosphere.

The commemorative shows are divided: in the Art Gallery are to be seen jewelry, paintings, embroidery, metalwork, woodcarving, ceramics and all kinds of other things that would make up the output of a forward-looking art school in the 1880s and 1890s; in the Reference Library across the square are books and graphics and architectural drawings and photographs. It is astonishing how *consistent* in style and achievement the works on display are. Partly it must be the effect of a group of inspiring teachers with considerable talents of their own and together a coherent outlook on art. Most of the leading figures actually taught at Birmingham Municipal School of Art: Arthur Gaskin, famous for his black-and-white illustrations to Han Andersen; Bernard Sleigh, woodcut artist and printer; Joseph Southall, the great reviver of tempera painting and fresco; C. M. Gere, who designed for the Kelmscott and Ashendene presses. But all of them were immensely versatile, and expected their pupils to be; they could and did turn their hand to almost everything, be it stained glass, embroidery, *jewelry, silverware, miniature* enamel or large-scale mural.

Most of the work has a *solidity*, even *stolidity*, which is rather appealing. It is not too dainty and attenuated, and except for some of the jewelry steers clear of art nouveau swirls and twirls; it is deliberately rather rustic and foursquare. Some of the most fetching pieces are those, like Gere's painting *The Tennis Party* or Southall's sketch for his mural *Corporation Street*, where the awkward facts of contemporary life and dress are carefully filtered and transformed into a dreamy never-never land of garden suburbs, *rational dress and high endeavour*. In particular there is something very strange about Southall's way with faces and figures, a sort of endistancing quality which points towards the temperas of Maxwell Armfield. The architects represented are more eccentric and eclectic (there must have been some very enterprising—or very permissive — patrons around Birmingham in those days); the books produced by the Guild press or by Guild illustrators are among the most desirable of their day.

*Just round the corner is a* big exhibition, already seen in Frankfurt, of modern British and German crafts. The British participation is confined to textiles and woodwork: the Germans show ceramics, jewelry, bookbinding, furniture and all manner of other things. It must in all honesty be said that the result is rather depressing. At least the Birmingham Guild was in the forefront of design in its day, and very much hooked into contemporary taste. In comparison, most of the craftsmen in the show of new work seem to be lagging behind, somewhere in the 1950s, with, in the furniture and fibre work, an unfortunate infusion of Californian stoned-folksy from the mid-1960s. In other words, it is as though most of these modern craftsmen feel instinctively that there is something anachronistic about handicrafts, and are whistling in the dark about it. Just very occasionally, as in the delicate folded and fluted porcelains of Johannes Gebhardt or Elisabeth Schaffer, there is a design-sense which seems timeless.


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# Peter Brook's reply to the critics

Peter Brook's return to Stratford after an absence of eight years has been a low-key affair. His production of *Antony and Cleopatra*, which opened a week ago, has been treated very respectfully by the weightier newspapers but sparked less enthusiasm at the lighter end of the line. Brook himself has kept well out of the limelight. The man who has probably prompted more prose than any other theatre director of our generation is sparing with his own words.

On his way from the Royal Shakespeare Company back to Paris and Les Bouffes du Nord, the principal base where the staging of *Measure for Measure* opens at the beginning of next month, Brook paused in London. The walls of his basement kitchen were lined with Lord Snowdon's photographs of *Antony*, orange and red on large white mounts. He pointed to one of Cleopatra standing by a splodge of blood which might have served for a Rorschach test. "That sums up the whole evening."

*Unlike* certain French directors who fill theatre programmes with their theories on the drama Brook does not discuss his productions until they have been unveiled. After the event, though, he is ready to talk about his intentions. The chief attraction to *him of Antony*, was, predictably enough, that it only makes an occasional appearance in the repertory.

"All my life I've been drawn to 'undiscovered' Shakespeare: *Titus* at the Stoll, *Love's Labour's Lost* at Stratford before it became a fashionable play, *Timon* at the Bouffes du Nord. There is also the urge to present something in a new and immediate way rather than as a piece of old literature. When I staged *Romeo* at Stratford—that was before your time—I did not believe in Romeo himself as a romantic or poetic figure, so instead I devised a staging that was dusty and full of lights. I suppose that *Romeo* today would appear quite conventional.

"There is one other purely practical reason for choosing the undiscovered. If I see a great production of a play then I find it impossible to tackle it myself. I'm only just emerging from the shadow of watching Chekhov in Moscow, and that now was almost 20 years ago."

The deromanticising of *Romeo* perhaps has a parallel in this month's *Antony and Cleopatra*.

"One of my aims in directing *Antony* was to correct a few misunderstandings, and the chief of these is that it is a spectacular play. *Antony* has been smothered by images superimposed by the Victorian



Antony and Cleopatra *is Peter Brook's first production for the Royal Shakespeare Company for eight years. He discusses what he is trying to achieve and how well the staging has been understood.*

era and by the cinema. What Shakespeare wrote consists of 45 or so short scenes of intimate behaviour. There is no pageantry. Everything concerns personal relationships; people, including those with famous names are introduced in close-up as they were in, say, *Holocaust*. It is only through them that the trappings have been invented; Shakespeare did not decorate the play. The Empire may be tottering but he keeps it out of sight."

Glenda Jackson has been *criticized in some quarters for* being too prosaic as Cleopatra. Have her detractors been trying to impose this same false patina on her?

"Yes. They have wrongly been looking for the images Claudette Colbert and Gaby Pascal placed on her, and I feel that Glenda has been unjustly attacked. *It should be remembered* that Cleopatra in the flesh has nothing to do with the Cleopatra Enobarbus describes. Shakespeare was not covering her in mystery. The reverse is the case, because he makes her speak in the most direct way. She is even described as a gypsy, which today would be rather like calling her a wog.

"The death of Antony transforms Cleopatra. The shit drops off her and she becomes simpler and simpler. There is an important point at the beginning of the last act where she says, 'My desolation does begin to make A better life'. She is almost like one of those dissolute fourteenth-century popes who has a ball until the very end of his term and then suddenly discovers religion on his death-bed. Finally she *enters into the* Egyptian tradition; her own death is not a tragedy but a transfiguration."

*Has the role of Antony* been similarly misconceived in the past?

"*Too often, yes.* The basic misunderstanding has been that he is a tired man. He isn't. His words explode with vitality, almost like those of Maitland in *Inadmissible Evidence*. There is dynamic life there, and that is one of *the reasons why* we waited until Alan Howard was available for the part. At the beginning of the play Antony and Cleopatra are admirable in their energy even if they happen to be less than admirable in other ways.

"Antony has conquered the world and his whole being is suddenly given a fillip by the surroundings of Cleopatra, even though they happen to be petty and squalid. *Finally his greed* exceeds his grasp, and for all his bustling and jet-setting he cannot control his appetites. He takes on Cleopatra because she is a legend, a kind of Evita, but there is nothing about her at this point which suggests the mysticism or marvels of the East, whatever Enobarbus may say. And so Antony dies having lived well by his own lights, but never having achieved a *higher level of existence*. That is left to Cleopatra."

Peter Brook returns to Les Bouffes du Nord and rehearsals of *Measure for Measure*. He describes working there as rather like having Sunday dinner with the family, adding wryly that having a family is always a mixed blessing. In contrast being *in Stratford is having a friendly meeting with* colleagues. Yet on the banks of the Avon there is the feeling that the guru, to use one of Brook's unfavourite words, has been back. Brook's influence on both Peter Hall and Trevor Nunn has yet to be calculated, although he will not talk of a debt.

"While they have had administrative burdens to carry, I have had freedom. At LAMDA I worked with eight actors while they were struggling with eight committees. Theatre producers are not cooks trading in secret recipes. I am influenced by colleagues, *though if anything I do can* be seized on and used by others in their own way then why should it not be?"

**John Higgins**

## Word for Word
BBC 2

### Michael Church

A programme that regularly manages to be strange, silly, sad and serious all in the space of 30 minutes cannot be all bad: neither is *Word for Word*. If, each week, it is a safer bet that someone will make a fool of himself than that someone else will spread the healing balm of linguistic wisdom, the latter possibility always remains a strong one. If the weekly literary curiosities are sometimes *ridiculously twee* (like the tonic sol-fa rendering of Pinter's *The Birthday Party*) they are also sometimes fascinating (like the *anti-Sitwell* sketch performed with such panache in the opening edition).

Those who quarrel over linguistic matters always risk crossing the line between *healthy astringency and reactionary* blimpishness. Our own Mr Levin did so by a hair's-breadth in week one and was duly taken to task by some elegantly articulate correspondents in week two. A. J. Ayer bellowed angrily from the thickets of middle age: a sad sight to see.

We have witnessed some piquant confrontations. Anthony Burgess *blustering aggressively* in the face of the modern world. Amis *fils* sparring with Amis *père* in a cunningly contrived Punch and Judy show. The sudden irruption of a Red Face from Jonathan Cape, *red with anger as well as* embarrassment: Tom Maschler indignantly defending a new novel against the charge that it was not *truly novel since its* plot closely resembled that of a 15-year-old book by Julian Gloag (which Maschler had not read). Gloag was there, gloating. Auberon Waugh was there, as counsel for the petty-minded prosecution. The undoubted victor of this diverting brawl was the new novel's author, Ian McEwan, who had wisely *declined to appear*.

Monday's edition was the usual mixed bag. Professor Randolph Quirk's diatribe was pleasant but uncontroversial. The excerpt we got from Arnold Wesker's new play was not a patch on the excerpt from *Gloo Joo* a fortnight ago. If the "scoop" recording of Oscar Wilde's voice was genuine, I'll *eat my typewriter*. The confrontation of the evening was hilarious: Vicky Payne utterly failed to box Richard (Very U) Buckle into a corner, and grew pinkly nettled as a result.

## Discoveries
BBC 2

### Stanley Sadie

It may not matter too much, as you sit listening to your favourite Mozart quartet, just when or how it was written, or whether he dashed it off in a trice or laboured long and hard over it. But genius at work is a challenge to the investigator; and, though we possess Beethoven's painstaking sketch-books, for Mozart we have little besides hazy, rose-tinted tales of spontaneous creative combustion.

Mozart did in fact often write quickly, as external evidence shows. But not his mature string quartets. Alan Tyson, using the techniques of paper analysis, has shown that Mozart was not exaggerating when he wrote, dedicating quartets to Haydn, of. a *lunga, e laboriosa fatica*. These six works were slowly pieced together, over two years; *batches of paper came and went* as Mozart threw off half a dozen piano concertos, a couple of piano sonatas, a symphony, songs, half a mass and much more besides.

The evidence of watermarks, *clearly visible through beta-radiography*, showed, for example, that Mozart probably changed his mind about the *minuet of the "Hunt" quartet*, for it is on a leaf foreign to the rest of the work. It showed too that, in an apparent fit of enthusiasm, he bought the paper for his three "Prussian" quartets near a Bohemian paper mill en *route home from Berlin to* Vienna, composed one and a half at once, then stretched the composition of the rest across many months. Perhaps the special difficulty he experienced in quartet composition *stopped him from writing the* further three that were planned. That Mozart usually composed on integral batches of paper was demonstrated, too, though Dr Tyson did not explain why the homogenous G minor *symphony score was composed, as* opposed to just copied, all at once.

This kind of research is especially responsive to the prying eye of the camera, which can see through a watermark, and can stand by and watch while pages are juggled to show their original structure. It can also *take us on trips to Vienna* and Salzburg, and to a paper mill in Arnhem, evidently by-passed by the Industrial Revolution, where paper is still produced with individual watermarks. All this to the sound of Mozart *quartets, including some rare* fragments; a fascinating programme, presented with uncommon taste.

## The Merchant
Birmingham Rep

### Ned Chaillet

In Arnold Wesker's play *The Merchant*, it is not Shylock who stands up to declaim Shakespeare's famous speech in defence of Jewish humanity. Instead those ringing words are put in the mouth of the prosecution. "Has not a Jew hands" becomes a rhetorical trick, spoken so that the blame for usury can be put on all Jews.

Mr Wesker has written a *Jewish Merchant of Venice* investigating the rule of law, civil and Talmudic, and reordering the story of Shylock's loan to Antonio. For Mr Wesker the two men are the closest of friends, bound by affection and *a shared love of knowledge*. Shylock's loan of 3,000 ducats is made through generosity, the bond for the pound of flesh made as a gesture of mockery at the law that forced a Jew and his Gentile friend to sign a contract.

It is a thoroughly original work, with Shakespeare's words surfacing only briefly, and adroitly, among the elegant speeches that are typical of Mr Wesker. His language is not always dramatic, but there is, in *The Merchant*, a compelling play to be found—a play that works as an ingenious theatrical puzzle, with debts to history and social structures that Shakespeare never found, and as a passionate document.

*There are some easy solutions* in the work, a weighting of age and accrued knowledge against loutish youth which passes all sympathy to Shylock. But Peter Farago's production somewhat tones down with Hitler Youth behaviour of *Bassanio and his* friends, as David Swift's intelligent performance makes mellow the humour of Shylock's rabbinical spirit. It is a tract for intelligence and understanding, and also, too parenthetically, for the good to be found in freedom for women. The story of Portia and the caskets which will determine her husband is still used for the plot, but Portia's role is put in the context of a male-dominated society and no disguise as a magistrate is possible. Angela Down appears humbly, as a *woman, with a solution that* Venice is desperate to have, and then reluctantly turns to her future as a wife.

Frank Middlemass adds a performance of warmth as Antonio, and the event itself is *attractively staged on a design* by Christopher Morley. Many of the harsh words that accompanied its Broadway failure seem blind in this admirably swift appearance.

## New Stoppard play

The new play, by Tom Stoppard, *Night and Day*, will open at the Phoenix Theatre on November 8. It will be directed by Peter Wood and designed by Carl Toms.

*Night and Day* is set in an *African country where a rebel*lion has broken out. Diana Rigg and David Langton play an expatriate couple, while John Thaw is a British journalist on hand to cover the rebellion. Others in the cast include *Olu Jacobs and William Mar*lowe.

# Atmosphere of sinister horror

## The Changeling
Aldwych

### Irving Wardle

With the lucid imprint of the Riverside version so persuasively stamped on Middleton *and Rowley's* play, Terry Hands's production initially seems a step back from the world of men into the world of Jacobean monsters.

Mr Hands sets the pulses skipping with a metallic set by Judith Bland, gleaming with rivets and a pair of lofty girders that come in handy for *eavesdropping*. It could be the hull of a battleship, or a palatial fallout shelter. What is clear from the start is that nothing on the ordinary human scale is going to redeem that unnatural environment, and *that matters are bound to come* to a sticky end.

As the evening progresses, with a cloaked ghost lurking in the shadows like a well-known sherry advertisement and a corps of Morris-dancing madmen being driven *screaming* away from Beatrice's wedding, the production stays aloft on its grotesque stilts. But whatever one's initial resistance, Mr Hands has good reason for retaining the old Jacobean *apparatus, which looks* a good deal less faded at the end of the evening than it does to start with.

*The Changeling*, with its partly interchangeable tragic and comic plots of sexual blackmail and *disguise*, inhabits a world that is partly as immediate now as it was to Middleton's public and partly as antiquated as a rusty suit of armour.

The absolutes of virginity and the code of revenge are dead conventions for us. Seizing the parallel between the two plots, Mr Hands allows comedy to seep into the tragic events in the most unexpected places: Beatrice's line, "This fellow has undone me endlessly", raises a big laugh, coming when we have just seen her briskly copulating with De Flores amid a surrounding pantomime of preparations for her marriage to Alsemero.

The virginity test wins another loud guffaw and so does Beatrice's plea for De Flores to be rewarded (for having *just blown out her wait*ing woman's brains) while secretly fondling him in a crowded room. The whole of the run-up to the final catastrophe, from De Flores's fire plot to the off-stage chimney-*sweeping* shot, is played on a note of exultant farce that turns ugly almost by accident.

The set plays its part in that: coupled with lighting that falls in parallel bars, it presents the environment as a prison where the behaviour of the courtly characters is as strictly confined as the bodies of the lunatics are in Alibius's madhouse. The production links the two settings no less resourcefully than did the Riverside one; raising the back wall on a banquet and a mad scene, bringing Lollio and De Flores on to spy from identical positions; and, above all, in extending Lollio's role as a teacher of lunatics to De Flores's role as the instructor of a murderess.

Barrie Rutter's Lollio starts as a stereotype grotesque, but *develops most interestingly* into a "kind keeper" who also reverses the normal master-servant relationship with Arthur Whybrow's ditheringly whining Alibius. Emrys James likewise starts as a sinister *mask in the shadows, revealing* a face disfigured with a livid strawberry mark that fully earns Beatrice's nauseated response. He carries out the *crime passionel* with carefree zest. Then at the great scene of his conquest of Beatrice the frisky assassin changes amazingly into a gentle patient schoolmaster, quietly pointing out that she *has not quite yet learnt her* lesson, and that honour and modesty are words she must forget. It is the playing of a man tormented by physical desire but with no trace of the brutal sexual blackmailer.

His effect on *Diana Quick is* to change Beatrice from a callous unimaginative girl who talks easily about blood before any has been spilt into his besottedly dependent creature who speaks her dying speech *in defiant loyalty to him*. At that point the two worlds of the play make their final convergence, clinching the title with the spectacle of the sane and the mad changing places. I did not find the production as emotionally powerful as the Riverside version, but it certainly has its own geometic beauty.



Photograph by Donald Cooper

Emrys James and Diana Quick

## Consortium Classicum
Queen Elizabeth Hall

### Paul Griffiths

It would be a labour of Hercules to gain acquaintance with everything that Joseph Haydn is known to have written. What are we to do when scholars keep *adding to the total?* Dieter Klocker, *primus inter pares* of the Consortium Classicum, has rooted out several unknown Haydn works for his wind ensembles, and it was with one of those, a divertimento in E flat, that they opened their concert on Monday.

Like the C minor serenade by Mozart *with which the pro*gramme ended, the new Haydn piece is scored for pairs of oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons with double bass, but unlike the Mozart, it is relaxed, genial music. There was plenty of opportunity *here for the Con*sortium to show off their smooth blend, blissfully innocent of the band-like raucousness one often encounters with wind groups. They also proved themselves a real chamber ensemble. Oboes and clarinets answered each other in elegant conversation during the discursive finale, and *there was creamy unanimity* from a trio of horns and bassoons in the second of the two slow movements.

Happy Prinnie if, as seems possible, that divertimento was written for the future George *IV's entertainment while Haydn* was in London.

The Consortium's second work was also one of Mr Klocker's thousand rediscoveries: a concertino for two pianos, five wind and double bass by Vinzenz Maschek, a Bohemian contemporary of Mozart who outlived Beethoven. Garrulous, but unfailingly charming, the piece is more concerto than chamber work, and it suffered from having its solo parts very *plainly presented by* an oboist and a bassoonist from the ensemble. If the pianists had shared the brilliance and the amiable grace of the accompanying sextet, then the concertino might have *seemed something more* than slightly curious sub-Mozart.

Also included was a new work, specially written for the Consortium, Helge Jorn's decret for flute, double bass, and wind octet. The first movement was a lament with a hint of Messiaen in its theme, the second a sort of rondo which threatened to go on revolving forever. But happily Mr Jorn relieved us of his company after a few minutes.

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No. 00 2965 of 1978

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# orest could celebrate urns night on heir Greek adventure

n Norman Fox
ball Correspondent
ens, Oct 17

ange and unfortunate though to be here awaiting a Euro- Cup tie that does not involve pool, there is a sense of nture about tomorrow's nd round match (7.30) be- n AEK, the Greek champions, Nottingham Forest that last n's trophy winners had al- ; eliminated from away legs. question is whether Forest can n some of Liverpool's ways kly enough to avoid the need a high-scoring victory on their ground in a fortnight's time. ugh they may be tempted to more ambitious, the score that both achievable and probably itable tomorrow is 1—1, the y goal being crucial.

iverpool's ability to dampen spirits of opponents on foreign was essential to their success. est have some justification for sing that by retaining their 1 lead when they visited ield for the second leg of the t round tie they proved that , can emulate the champions he past two seasons. Frighten- though Anfield may have been, rever, it was not unknown to est, whereas the atmosphere of AEK stadium here tomorrow it will undoubtedly be inhibit- Forest did play here in a season friendly match, but y realize that it would be mis- led to make a comparison.

xperience as a team unit is one doubtful area in Forest's ke-up. Ability is unquestioned stamina too, but as a team y will have to guard against all the traps that Liverpool suc- sfully negotiated. Individually, y have the experience, notably Lloyd a former Liverpool man self Gemmill and McGovern, o both had European experi- e with Derby County and, like yd, played against AEK, and Barrett and Clark who have also seen service with other clubs in the Continental competitions.

Yet probably the player with the most responsibility tomorrow will be Burns, the rugged Scot, who will have to ensure that the high-scoring Greek team are controlled in and on the edges of the Forest penalty area.

AEK have lived under the shadows of Panathinaikos and Olympiakos, but two seasons ago they reached the semi-final round of the Uefa Cup and beat Derby County and Queen's Park Rangers on the way. Their free-scoring power was felt then and it will be remembered particularly by Rangers who came here with a 3-0 lead but lost the tie on penalties. Among the more impressive forwards was Mavros, who made international headline news last week by scoring four goals for Greece in their 8-1 defeat of Finland. But he is not likely to be given such freedom by Burns and Lloyd.

A cagey, unrevealing 1-0 win over Panionios at the weekend led to some reports that Forest had virtually nothing to fear from AEK, who have won all five of their opening league games and have a two-point lead at the top. A more significant guide to their potential was probably the first round of the European Cup this season when they beat Porto 6-1 here in the first leg but lost 4-1 in Portugal. On the assumption that Forest will not collapse to the tune of six goals tomorrow, one can be optimistic without overlooking the fact that a team coached by that great Hungarian, Ferenc Puskas, will be worldly-wise.

Despite the high financial incentives being offered to AEK and the insistence of the Forest manager, Brian Clough, that the European Cup is second in his priorities to retaining the League title, Forest should stop this flow of goals that AEK have enjoyed



Thompson (left), who is recalled to the England party, and his club colleague, Hughes, whom he may succeed.

# Greenwood unworried by poor club form

Phil Thompson, out of the England side for over two years, is recalled in a party of 21 for the European championship game with the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on October 25. His call-up means Liverpool have six men in the party, a repeat of their representation for Ron Greenwood's opening game against Switzerland in September last year.

Thompson, just recovered from a broken leg, missed that Liverpool get-together, which included Clemence, Neal, Hughes, Kennedy and McDermott. His last England game was in the World Cup qualifying match with Finland in October, 1976, although he played in the "B" match with West Germany in February this year.

Thompson, 24, could well win his ninth cap alongside Watson as replacement for Hughes, his club and England captain. Hughes is in the party, but played for Liverpool reserves on Saturday as part of his comeback after injury.

In a party of no other surprises, Mr Greenwood keeps faith with the men who played against Denmark in the opening European championship match and adds Currie, who is fit again, and Corrigan, the third choice goalkeeper.

Currie, kept out of the Denmark match by injury but now back in the Leeds United side represents a challenge to Wilkins, who is out of form. Currie's clubmate, Cherry, could also be in line for an England recall. Cherry's last appearance was against Wales last May when he broke his collar bone. With Barnes below his best for Manchester City in recent weeks, Cherry could win a place if Mr Greenwood decides to temporarily drop his 4-4-2 line up with two midfield men breaking down the flanks.

However, Mr Greenwood indicated yesterday that he may retain Barnes and Wilkins. He said: "People keep telling me that Peter Barnes and Ray Wilkins are not playing well, but sometimes it appears a player is not at his best because the team is not playing well. How the people around you are playing is very important."

"I saw Peter Barnes turn Blackpool inside out recently and watched Ray Wilkins perform like a world-beater for 20 minutes against Bolton last Saturday. Whether you pick a player on club or country form is an old chestnut. When a player pulls on an England shirt and plays alongside the cream of the country then he can't help playing to the best of his ability."

Currie, who has taken over from Cherry as Leeds captain, was delighted to be back in the party. "To get the club captaincy and be selected for England on the same day can't be bad", he said. "I thrive on responsibility and Trevor felt a change might help the club".

Mills appears to have held off the challenge of the up and coming young left backs, Sansom and Statham, plus Liverpool's costly summer signing, Kennedy. Brian Greenhoff, like Hughes must have a question mark over his fitness having missed Manchester United's last two games with a badly bruised leg he received in the League Cup tie against Watford. Up front Latchford, not among the league's regular scorers this season, will again come under pressure from Woodcock and Mariner.

If a Coppell-Wilkins-Brooking-Barnes midfield proves ineffective at winning the ball against a formidable Irish midfield line-up then either the Leeds pair or McDermott and Ray Kennedy, of Liverpool, could have the chance to add a little more steel to a side mainly geared to going forward.

## England party

R. Clemence (Liverpool); age 29, caps 37; P. Shilton (Nottingham Forest), 28, 25; J. Corrigan (Manchester City), 29, 3; P. Neal (Liverpool), 23, 14; E. Hughes (Liverpool), 30, 55; D. Watson (Manchester City), 31, 35; M. Mills (Ipswich Town), 29, 20; P. Thompson (Liverpool), 24, 8; B. Greenhoff (Manchester United), 24, 17; T. Cherry (Leeds United), 30, 17; R. Wilkins (Chelsea), 21, 16; T. Brooking (West Ham United), 29, 24; T. McDermott (Liverpool), 26, 2; R. Kennedy (Liverpool), 26, 11; A. Currie (Leeds United), 28, 12; S. Coppell (Manchester United), 22, 8; K. Keegan (SV Hamburg), 28, 38; R. Latchford (Everton), 27, 4; P. Barnes (Manchester City), 20, 7; A. Woodcock (Nottingham Forest), 20, 1; P. Mariner (Ipswich Town), 24, 5.

# rsenal's methods an open ook to the Yugoslavs

om Norman de Mesquita
lit, Oct 17

Arsenal's passage into the cond round of the Uefa Cup s achieved with style, but they uld be the first to agree that komotiv Leipsig were an acute appointment. According to the senal manager, Terry Neill, djuk Split will prove far more midable opposition. He des- bes them as a good, professional e; much better organized than komotiv.

Their manager is Tomoslav Ivac, o spent two years with Ajax Amsterdam. But perhaps more nificantly, he was at Highbury four months in 1972, study- Arsenal's methods. His main al-scoring hopes tomorrow even- ; will rest on Surjac, who has caps and has scored more than ) Yugoslav league goals. He was member of Yugoslavia's 1974 orld Cup side and his fast, gressive style of wing play will ep Arsenal's defence at full retch.

In defence, Peruzovic and Muzinic are the key members of the back four and Rozic, described by Mr Neill as the nearest type of player he has seen to Dave McKay, is the vital man in midfield.

The problem position for Hadjuk is the goalkeeper, where 20-year-old Spiro Cosic will have his first taste of European competition. The first choice Katalinic, is on national service and the reserve, Nizetic, has a kidney complaint. But Arsenal are without Sunderland, who is injured, and is likely to be replaced by Kosmina, a 21-year-old Australian international who has yet to play a full game for the club.

But there is enough experience in this Arsenal side to overcome such a handicap and, with the memory of Leipsig still fresh in our minds, we must be confident that Arsenal will do enough in Yugoslavia tomorrow evening to ensure that their task at Highbury a fortnight hence is not too taxing.

# City life flourishing now hat a myth has died

y Gerald Sinstadt

The view that this season's uropean club trophies wil be sier to win than usual will find tle suport this morning from anagers contemplating long lists injured or ineligible players. Of e British clubs in action tonight, swich Town, in the Cup inners' Cup, and Manchester ty, in the Uefa Cup, have most ason to be anxious about the ysiotherapy bulletins.

Rangers, representing Scotland the European Cup, provide a appy exception. John Grieg has ded Kennedy, Watson and rquhart to the party on duty gainst Heart of Midlothian last aturday. It is Rangers's ponents,PSV Eindhoven, who ave the problems. They may ave to play without the van der erkhof twins.

Rene van der Kerkhof, who is ecovering from a knee operation, already ruled out. A late ecision wil be taken about his rother, Willy, who was carried ff with a bruised foot during the etherland's victory over Switzer- and last week. Although two ther members of the Dutch World Cup final team, Brandts nd Poortvliet, will play in Glasgow, the experience of the an der Kerkhofs has been mportant in Eindhoven's mergence as one of the com- etition's favourites.

Rangers have made an un- nspired start to their domestic rogramme but they showed a actical application in beating Juventus in the first round which has not always marked their Euro- pean ventures. If the same disci- pline holds good against Eind- hoven, they can establish a power- ful psychological position for the remaining rounds.

Bohemians, of Dublin, have less reason for optimism. Their oppo- nents are Dynamo Dresden, con- querors of Partizan Belgrade in the first roun dand East German champions five times in the past nine years.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Ipswich will have another make- shift line-up against SSW Inns- bruck. Muhren, their Dutch inter- national, is ineligible. Beattie, who missed Saturday's match against Everton, is unlikely to play. There are also doubts about Hunter and Talbot, both injured.

Hunter, even though he has not trained this week, is the more probable starter. Innsbruck include four of Austria's World Cup team —the brothers Friedrich and Peter Koncilia, Hickersberger and Oberacher—but three recent singings, among them Zappia and Castellano, of Argentina, are ineligible.

The Uefa Cup produces one of the night's most interesting ties—Everton against Dukla Prague. The ineligibility of Todd forces a change on Everton. Darracott is recalled at right back for a match which will severely test Everton's unbeaten record in three competitions this season.

Dukla took over the leadership of the Czechoslovakian league at the weekend by beating Pilzen 4—2, but Vizek, a winger, was sent off and will miss the game at Goodison Park. A broken finger keeps out Netolicka, the first choice goalkeeper. His deputy, Stromsik, is only 20. But with three seasoned international—Nehoda, Gajdusek and Fiala—in their team. Dukla will be much more substantial opponents than Everton's first-round victims, Finn Harps.

Manchester City must play Standard Liège without Owen, who is suspended, Ron Futcher, who is ineligible, and Power, who is injured. In addition, Channon, who has ben troubled by a sore hamstring, is doubtful. Bell, who scored a valuable goal when he came on as a substitute in the first round against Twente Enschede, and Viljoen are expected to return.

Tony Book, City's manager, says that the victory against Enschede "killed off the myth that we couldn't get beyond the first round. I think we have got the hang of European football now." His coach, Bill Taylor, who saw Standard's 4—3 home win against Lokeren at the weekend, returned with a warning about Gerets, a full back who has been scoring consistently.

In Portugal, West Bromwich Albion face SC Braga, who are third in the league, two points behind the leaders, Porto. Braga have three players under treatment, notably Gordo, the scorer of four goals against Hibernians, of Malta, in the first leg of their first-round tie.

# Frank Gray is brought back by Stein

Frank Gray, the Leeds United defender, is back in the Scottish party after a two-year absence. Jock Stein, the new manager, has included him in a party of 18 for the European championship match with Norway at Hampden Park on October 25.

Also included in Stein's first party since taking over from Alistair MacLeod are two young Scots currently being watched by a number of English clubs, McGarvey, of St Mirren, a forward, and Hegarty, of Dundee, a centre half. Both were in MacLeod's original World Cup 40 but failed to survive the cut to 22. Neither has yet won a full cap.

There are no places, however, for Burns or Robertson, of Nottingham Forest, Rioch, of Derby, a former captain, or the Rangers pair, Jardine and Johnstone. Rough, the goalkeeper, retains his place despite strong criticism of him by Stein when the new manager worked as a television commentator during the World Cup.

PARTY: A. Rough (Partick Thistle), D. Stewart (Middlesbrough), M. Buchan (Manchester United), W. Donachie (Manchester City), T. Forsyth (Rangers), F. Gray (Leeds United), P. Hegarty (Dundee United), S. Kennedy (Aberdeen), G. McQueen (Manchester United), A. Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), A. Hartford (Manchester City), G. Souness (Liverpool), K. Dalglish (Liverpool), A. Gray (Aston Villa), A. Graham (Leeds), J. Jordan (Manchester United), J. McGarvey (St Mirren), I. Wallace (Coventry).

# Charles denied chance to lose his shadow

Robert James, of Swansea City, and Ian Edwards, of Chester, are in the final Welsh party for the European championship match against Malta at Wrexham on October 25. James, with 10 goals this season, and Edwards, with 11, could both make their first appearances as Wales begin their European assault.

Another uncapped third division player, Glen Letheran, Chesterfield's goalkeeper, is also in the party but Dai Davies, of Wrexham, should be the first choice. There is no place for Jeremy Charles, the son of Mel and nephew of John the former Welsh giant.

He was named in the original 23 but has been left out with his Swansea colleague, Curtis. Davis, of Wrexham, Nardiello, of Coventry City, Sayer, of Brighton, Thomas, of Bristol Rovers and Tibbott, of Ipswich Town, are also omitted.

PARTY: D. Davies (Wrexham), G. Letheran (Chesterfield), P. Dwyer (Cardiff City), B. Stevenson (Leeds United), L. Phillips (Aston Villa), J. Jones (Liverpool), M. Page (Birmingham City), R. James (Swansea City), B. Flynn (Leeds United), M. Thomas (Wrexham), C. Harris (Leeds United), J. Mahoney (Middlesbrough), N. Deacy (Boringen), L. Edwards (Chester), P. O'Sullivan (Brighton), L. Cartwright (Wrexham).

# Cork pops up to save Wimbledon record

Alan Cork, the fourth division's top scorer, came up with a 79th minute equalizer to maintain Wimbledon's unbeaten record, against Crewe at Plough Lane yesterday evening. Cork's header cancelled out a 54th minute goal by Coyne, formerly of Manchester United.

Goals from Sanchez and Kearney, either side of the interval, took Reading to second place behind Wimbledon, with a 2—1 win at Darlington.

Reading leapfrogged over Barnsley, who had Little sent off for a second "booking" after 62 minutes of their 1—0 defeat at Aldershot. A controversial penalty by Dungworth, two minutes before Little's departure, settled the issue.

A second player given his marching orders was Wigg, of Scunthorpe United, in the 1—1 draw at Hartlepool. Two promotion contenders, Grimsby Town and Portsmouth, kept in touch with high scoring wins. Hemmerman scored two in Portsmouth's 3—2 success at Doncaster, and Drinkwell grabbed a brace in Grimsby's 4—3 win at home to Northampton.

Watford and Swansea both moved to within a point of Shrewsbury Town at the top of the third division. Baker, a 17-year-old, marked his first Swansea appearance with two first-half goals in the 3—2 home win against Mansfield Town. And high scoring Watford managed all three in the 2—1 home win over Carlisle United—Joslyn putting through his own net in the 81st minute, after Bolton (31) and Pollard (44) had set up a two-point success.

Alan Mullery, the Brighton manager, exchanged a seat in the stands for a position on the field to inspire his team to a 7—1 midweek League Cup victory over Northampton at the Goldstone Ground. Mullery, the former England, Tottenham Hotspur and Fulham player, made himself substitute because of a player shortage, with the youth team also having a game.

He was called into action midway through the second half when Geard was carried off with the score at 1—1 and immediately made an impact, Brighton scoring five goals in a 10-minute spell. Their scorers were Poskett (three), Sayer (two) and Elliot.

## Anglo-Scottish dates

The first leg of the Anglo-Scottish Cup semi-final between Mansfield Town and Burnley will be played at Mansfield on Tuesday, October 31. The second leg is at Burnley on Tuesday, November 7. Mansfield's postponed game with Tranmere Rovers will be played on Monday, November 13.

# Today's fixtures at home and abroad

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

**European Cup, second round, first leg**

Bohemians (Republic of Ireland) v Dinamo Dresden (3.0).
Rangers v PSV Eindhoven.
AEK Athens v Nottingham Forest.

**European Cup Winners Cup, second round, first leg**

Ipswich v SW Innsbruck.
Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) v Shamrock Rovers (Republic of Ireland).
Fortuna Dusseldorf v Aberdeen (7.0).

**UEFA Cup, second round, first leg**

Everton v Dukla Prague.
Manchester City v Standard Liège.
Sporting Braga (Portugal) v West Bromwich Albion (9.30).
Strasbourg v Hibernian.
Hajduk Split v Arsenal.

**Third division**

Chester v Plymouth Argyle.
Chesterfield v Colchester United.
Exeter City v Blackpool.

**Fourth division**

Bradford City v Port Vale.
Wigan Athletic v Halifax Town.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Kettering v Atherstone. First division, South: Dover v Andover; Gosport v Bognor Regis.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Boston United v Scarborough; Frickley v Matlock; Macclesfield v Mossley; Workington v Southport.
FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replays: Kings Lynn v Clapton; Walton-Ioovilie v Woking.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton Athletic v Staines Town; Oxford City v Leatherhead.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Dorking Town v Windsor & Eton.

**Rugby Union**

TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University v New Zealanders (at Cambridge, 3.0).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (3.0): Berkshire v Dorset & Wilts (at Maidenhead); Buckinghamshire v Oxfordshire (at Bletchley); Eastern Counties v Middlesex (at Fairlop); Hampshire v Surrey (at Basingstoke); Staffordshire v Warwickshire (at Burton, 7.15); Sussex v Hertfordshire (at Brighton).
CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Bristol v Metropolitan Police; Aberavon v Abertillery; Maesteg v Captain Crawshay's XV; Newport v Newbridge (7.15); Pontypool v Ebbw Vale; Pontypridd v Glamorgan Wanderers; Swansea v Penarth (7.30).

**Hockey**

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University v Cambridgeshire (at Fanner's, 2.45); Norwich Grasshoppers v East (at Norwich, 3.0).

Rugby Union

# Successful tour ends with defeat

By Alan Gibson

Bristol 16 Bucharest 3

In the last match of their successful and popular tour (they have won four matches and drawn one, out of seven, in 18 days) the Bucharest XV were well beaten by Bristol, by two goals and a try, to a penalty goal.

We shall remember them affectionately. There has been just the odd scrap of bother, but no more than has to be expected with any touring side that speaks a different language, and meets unfamiliar interpretations of the laws. Nobody who saw it will forget the enormous dropped goal, the last kick, with which Bucos won the match against Gloucester. They are, of course, something like a Romanian B XV, drawn from all the leading clubs of the capital; and they have confirmed the quality of the game in that country. It is curious that it is the Latin countries which take up rugby, rather than the Slavs or Teutons.

They had the advantage of playing most of their matches in one of the mellowest British autumns I can remember, though last night, the weather was breaking, and there were scouring winds and scudding leaves. Bristol had the best of the wind in the first half, pressed at once, and took the lead with a try by Sorrell, breaking through the middle after a quick heel from a ruck, giving himself an easy conversion.

Bristol, who have not had a very successful start to the season, played Sorrell and Morley in the centre. Morley does not think it is his best position, but is prepared to play there in the interests of the club.

Bucharest sensibly chose to run with the ball against the wind, rather than kick it, and one or two of their breaks tested the Bristol cover. But Bristol were still dominant, and scored a second try, through Baker who completed an excellent passing movement by the forwards, just before halftime. It was not converted, but 10 points was a substantial lead.

Bucharest had three back quickly, with a penalty by Bucos. Now they will show us something, we thought. But two things happened. The wind dropped, or at least began to fluctuate; and the Romanians grew tired. A hard tour was having its effect. I felt that the real victor was the old Bristol player, and present English coach, Peter Colston, who had taught the Bucharest players, so he claims, their first essential phrase of English: "Mine's a pint, please".

They really spent more time in the last 20 minutes resting, in various heroic prone attitudes, than playing. The trainer, dashing on and off (well, dashing on), covered more ground than anyone.

Bucos hit a post with another penalty, and if it had gone over it might have changed the pattern of the game. As it was, Bristol assumed an increasing command, and confirmed it in the last minute with a try by Harding, which Hignell converted.

BRISTOL: A. Hignell; J. Lane, A. Morley, D. Sorrell, R. Carter; C. John, R. Harding; M. Fry, K. Bogira, J. Doubleday, N. Pomphrey, A. Troughton, M. Baker, S. Gorvett, M. Rafter.

BUCHAREST: V. Falcusanu; P. Ianusievici, I. Constantin, G. Nica, P. Motrescu; M. Bucos, M. Paraschiv; G. Dinu, M. Munteanu, A. Iordan, G. Darabau, G. Dumitreu, F. Murariu, P. Bora, E. Stoica.

Referee: Major P. L. Lillington (Army).

# When Pumas could have run wild

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Wales B 14 Argentines 17

In a sparkling game at Llanelli last evening, with never more than four points between the teams, the Argentines, much to their evident joy at the finish, prevailed by a dropped goal, two penalty goals, and two tries to two penalty goals and two tries.

Fielding 13 of the side that had scaled a peak at Twickenham last Saturday and showing no reaction from that performance—certainly in total commitment and enthusiasm—they had enough of the game, certainly in the second half, to have won it by a more comfortable margin. More often than not, on the Welsh put-ins they had the opposing scrummage in considerable disarray, and quite often they pushed them off their own ball. But, for all his dash and pluck, Soares Gache at scrum half, is no Landajo. His lobbed and sometimes inaccurate service constricted the activities of the masterly Porta, as well as the smooth intrusions of Sansot from full back, and the two centres, sometimes cramped for room, wasted a few good opportunities by their failure to move the ball more quickly.

Porta, nonetheless, was able to stamp his presence on the proceedings with his strength, acceleration and elusiveness in the most unpromising situations. Having first thumped over a long penalty kick, he then, with a marvellous run through a congested area, broke clean through the middle to make a try, via his centre, Loffreda, for Campo.

Shortly after half time, when Iachetti won an opposing throw to a two-man lineout, deep in the Welsh 22, Porta dropped a goal, high inside the near post, from an awkward angle on the right, and he brought things to a conclusion by hitting the post with another kick, slicing sundry drops at goal, and generally using his cultured boot to keep the Welshman pinned to defence.

If the Welsh selectors were disappointed by the scrummaging of their pack, as well as by the late withdrawal of four good players with injuries they should have felt happier overall about the positive display by their backs. These contrived, behind that unpromising tight platform, to move the ball well to their wings, and to perform with much dash and determination. Walsh was a sound full back, the wings, Elgan Rees and Ellis-Jones were willing to try anything, and Hutchings earned special good marks in the middle. On top of all this, the forwards, though wasted in the scrummage, went well in the loose—and none better than the flanker, Gareth Williams and Ringer, both of whom had a fine all-round game.

It was the latest Welsh replacement, the stand off Barry (just removed from Cardiff to Newport) who answered Porta's first penalty goal with one from 30 metres. He also had a useful hand in their first try, obtained after Hutchings had achieved a half-break and then, with an inside pass, had given the prop, Lewis, his chance to drive to the line.

It was 7—7 at the interval, which seemed fair enough. Porta's dropped goal restored the Puma's lead, after which a Welsh switch of direction had Hutchings setting Elgan Rees clear and then receiving an inside pass for the coup de grace. Barry was to kick one more penalty goal, but that was after the Pumas had notched another good try. The left wing, Cappelletti, came in from the blind side of a scrummage, Campo on the other flank, picked up a loose ball, and Serrano just managed to reach the line.

WALES B: I. Walsh (Pontypridd); E. Rees (Neath), N. Hutchings (Aberavon), P. Morgan (Llanelli), R. Ellis-Jones (London Welsh); D. Barry (Newport), G. Williams (Bridgend); D. Jones (Abertillery), C. Davies (Bridgend, capt), D. Lewis (Neath), R. Moriarty (Swansea), S. Sutton (Pontypool), G. Williams (Bridgend), C. Seldon (Pontypridd), P. Ringer (Ebbw Vale).

ARGENTINES: M. Sansot; M. Campo, M. H. Loffreda, R. Madero, A. Cappelletti; H. Porta (capt), A. Soares-Gache; J. Cortoni, A. Cubelli, H. Nicola, R. Passaglia, A. Iachetti, T. Peterson, G. Travaglini, C. M. Serrano.

Referee: H. C. Quittenton (Rugby Union).

# Cambridge ready for All Blacks

By Peter West

It is always a moment to savour when the New Zealanders launch a new tour in these islands. This afternoon against Cambridge University at Grange Road the ninth in a famous line—in a praiseworthy effort to involve as many of their players as early as they can—include four men new to an All Black's jersey and a number of others having their first taste of a game in Britain.

John Robbie, the Cambridge captain and Irish international scrum half, has declared himself fit to play after an ankle injury last Saturday, when his side ran riot against Guys' hospital. The University, thankful no doubt that the opposition must be reserving some of its heavier guns for Cardiff at the weekend, believe they can give the touring team a respectable run for their money.

They base this confidence as much as anything on their forwards. Looking back on his six seasons as Cambridge coach, five of them having brought consecutive victories in the University match, Ian Robertson declares that they now have their best pack for years with a solid front row, four ball winners at the lineout and a distinctly lively loose trio, the best-known member of which is Butler, a Welsh No 8, who was sent off four days ago when the team was leading by about 60 points. His case will not be investigated by a disciplinary subcommittee until after today's match.

Outside, apart from Robbie, there is Thornton, the fastest of the backs, and a stand-off of considerable potential, and Fosh, the 14st centre, who is a strong and natural footballer, regarded as one of the best distributors in English rugby.

These two are welcome reinforcements, because Thornton's career was put in jeopardy by a serious knee injury on the England under-23 tour of Canada in 1977 (he did not play at all last season) and Fosh has survived some nasty troubles in his back. However, until Ian Greig is fit to resume Cambridge may be short of pace on the wings.

Bruce Robertson, at centre, is the only All Black playing who survives from the last full tour of 1972-73, or indeed from the short one to Ireland and the United Kingdom in 1974. His captain and flanker, Graham Mourie, led his country in France last season, along with John Ashworth, the prop, and Black, the hooker, both of whom are in the side today. The All Blacks have selected the half backs, Bruce and Donaldson, who played in the internationals against France and were first choices against Australia last summer.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: I. Metcalfe (St Catherine's); R. Tyler (Fitzwilliam), A. Laycock (Emmanuel), *M. Fosh (Magdalene), P. Frackleton (Pembroke); *J. Thornton (Magdalene), *J. Robbie (Christ's); *R. Brooman (Trinity), J. Grant (St Catherine's), S. Killick (Queens'), *N. Heath (Downing), *J. Ford (Emmanuel), C. O'Callaghan (St John's), *S. Glanvill (Pembroke), *E. Butler (Fitzwilliam).

NEW ZEALAND: B. J. McKechnie; B. R. Ford, B. J. Robertson, N. M. Taylor, R. Kururangi; O. D. Bruce, M. W. Donaldson; B. Bush, J. E. Black, J. Ashworth, J. Fleming, J. Loveday, G. N. Mourie, A. McGregor, B. G. Ashworth.

Referee: K. Rowlands (Wales).

* a Blue

# Hampshire decide to bring in Barton

Terry Barton, currently unable to command a first team place with Winchester, is recalled to the Hampshire side for their county championship match against Surrey at Basingstoke today. Barton comes in at full back for Patterson in a side which shows seven other changes, two of them positional, from that which lost 10—0 to Sussex a fortnight ago.

The side includes four new caps. They are half backs Bates (London Irish) and Bartman (US Portsmouth), and forwards Kerrigan (Birkenhead Park) and Goodenough (London Scottish). Missing from the side is the England trialist Moyes who is injured. Hampshire have not beaten Surrey since 1963.

Sussex make only one change from the side that beat Hampshire for their county championship match against Hertfordshire at Brighton. Robinson, a Lewes prop forward, replaces Rudd.

Oxfordshire make three changes from the side that beat Berkshire, for their game against Buckinghamshire at Bletchley. Reynolds comes in on the wing for Hooper, who has a knee injury, Orwin returns at lock after recovering from injury and Pittaway, who is making his first county appearance, displaces Dudding.

Wasps' prop, Rendall, is out of the Buckinghamshire side. Rendall is nursing an injury and his place is taken by Chiltern's Phil Francis.

Dorset and Wilts make two changes for their Southern Group match against Berkshire at Maidenhead. In come Legg (hooker) and second row forward Spencer.

Cornwall, who beat Somerset 19—7 at Redruth on Saturday, are unchanged for their second South West group match with Devon at Camborne on October 28. Bristol's Trevaskis, the England trialist, continues on the wing and prop, Corin, who came in for the injured Cornwall and England B captain, Pryor, for the Somerset match, hold their places. Pryor has two broken bones in his neck

Motor racing

# McLaren following in the tread marks of Lotus

By John Blunsden

John Watson, the 32-year-old Ulsterman who has stepped into the late Ronnie Peterson's shoes as the new leader of the Marlboro McLaren team for 1979, sampled his new car, the McLaren-Ford M28, for the first time at Silverstone yesterday.

Designed by Gordon Coppuck, the M28 is a "ground effect" car, following the lead of Colin Chapman and his talented design team at Lotus, who provided the new world champion, Mario Andretti, with such a decisive car advantage this past season.

In adopting a similar design philosophy, Mr Coppuck has made use of aerofoil sections integrated into the outer skins of the body-work, and flexible side skirts providing a barrier between the air flowing beneath the car and that running beneath the car, thereby causing it to be sucked towards the ground.

Like other recent McLaren cars the M28's main chassis unit has been farbicated from a sandwich structure comprising a Nomex honeycomb core within a pair of thin-gauge aluminium skins. The result is an extremely light and rigid structure. The new car also has a completely new rear suspension system embodying wide-based lower wishbones and rocker arms operating inboard-mounted coil springs and dampers, the layers having been carefully devised so as not to impede the free flow of air from beneath the car.

Rugby League

# Leeds fight back

Leeds 19 Australians 25

Leeds staged a fine recovery against the Australians, who were rampant in the first 30 minutes when they ran up 15 points without reply.

For the Australians, who rested most of their Test players, McMahon shone at full back being sound under pressure and frequently linking in attack. Fulton particularly in the early stages showed all his skill. Up front, Morris, Boyd and Reddy were always in the thick of the action.

The Australian tries were scored by Thompson—who scored two before limping off to be replaced in the second half by Martin — Gibbs, Anderson and Reddy. Rogers landed five goals. For Leeds, Adams, Ward and Hague scored twice and Gibson landed five goals.

# Yesterday's results and tables

**Third division**

Bury (0) 1 Walsall (1) 1
Bamish (pen) McDonough
4,443
Gillingham (3) 4 Lincoln (1) 2
Westwood (2) Wigginton
Jolly Leigh
Hughes 5,763
Rotherham (0) 1 Brentford (0) 0
Flynn 3,881
Sheffield W (1) 1 Oxford U (1) 1
Wylde Seacole
9,431
Swansea (3) 3 Mansfield (1) 2
Baker (2) Goodwin
James Allen
10,985
Swindon (1) 3 Peterboro' (1) 1
Betes (2) McEwan
Carter 4,382
Watford (2) 2 Carlisle (0) 1
Bolton Joslyn (og)
Pollard 12,444

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shrewsbury | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 19 |
| Watford | 13 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 34 | 17 | 18 |
| Swansea | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 18 | 18 |
| Gillingham | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 16 |
| Plymouth | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 14 |
| Chester | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 14 |
| Swindon | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| Carlisle | 13 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 13 |
| Rotherham | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Peterborough | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 13 |
| Colchester | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
| Blackpool | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 18 | 13 |
| Southend | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 15 | 12 |
| Chesterfield | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 12 |
| Sheffield W | 12 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 12 |
| Hull | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 11 |
| Walsall | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 23 | 11 |
| Bury | 13 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 14 | 16 | 11 |
| Oxford | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 11 |
| Exeter | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 10 |
| Mansfield | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 9 |
| Tranmere | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 17 | 21 | 9 |
| Brentford | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 20 | 7 |
| Lincoln | 13 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 27 | 5 |

**Rugby Union**

TOUR MATCHES: Wales B 14, Argentines 17: Bristol 16, Bucharest XV 3.

SCHOOL MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford 9, Felsted 26; Christ's, Brecon 12, Sherborne 14; Eton 9, Berkhamsted 14; Loretto 10, Scottish Wayfarers 0; Milton Abbey 4, Bryanston 38; Monmouth 6, Crawshay's Welsh XV 18; Oundle 8, Bedford 4; Reed's 3, St John's, Leatherhead 23; Rugby 60, Northampton 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Tour match: Leeds 19, Australians 25. BBC floodlit trophy: First round: Salford 15, St Helens 17.

**Fourth division**

Aldershot (0) 1 Barnsley (0) 0
Dungworth 5,622
(pen)
Darlington (1) 1 Reading (1) 2
Stone Sanchez
1,881 Kearney
Doncaster (1) 2 Portsmouth (2) 3
Laidlaw Hemmerman (2)
Bentley Denyer
2,480
Grimsby (2) 4 Northamptn (2) 3
Drinkell (3) Christie
Brolly Froggatt
Young Bryant
5,539
Hartlepool (1) 1 Scunthorpe (1) 1
Lawrence Kilmore
2,980
Huddersfld (2) 2 Hereford (1) 3
Campbell (2) Gould
3,565 Jones (2)
Newport (0) 0 Rochdale (0) 0
3,472
Wimbledon (0) 1 Crewe (0) 1
Cork Coyne
3,305
York (0) 0 Torquay (0) 0
2,084

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-final round, first leg: Oldham Athletic 1, St Mirren 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings 3, Cheltenham 1. First division, south: Crawley 1, Poole 2; Hounslow 2, Dunstable 3.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round, second replay: Eastbourne United 6, Medway 0.

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replays: Barnet 2, Wembley 3; Basingstoke 1, Corinthian-Casuals 2 (aet); Harwich and Parkeston 0, Harlow Town 1; Kingstonian 0, Maidenhead United 1; South Liverpool 3, New Brighton 2; Wealdstone 0, Cambridge City 0 (aet).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow 0, Runcorn 3; Buxton 0, Altrincham 4; Gainsborough Town 1, Goole 2.

OTHER MATCH: Vojvodina, Yugoslavia 1, Bristol City 3.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Enfield 3; Tooting 2, Tilbury 2. First division: Aveley 3, Ilford 0; Chesham 0, Harrow Borough 0; Horsham 1, Metropolitan Police 0; Wokingham 1, Hampton 1. Second division: Rainham 3, Worthing 1.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Billericay 6, Chalfont St Peter 0; Leyton Wingate 5, Grays 0; Redhill 2, Alton 2.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Bradfield 1, Shrewsbury 0; Lancing 0, Ardingley 0; Malvern 0, Oxford University Centaurs 0; St Bernards 2, Alleyne's, Dulwich 6; Wellingborough 0, Repton 3.

Golf

# Amateur who overshadowed his club professional

By John Hennessy

Andrew Payne, an amateur golfer from Windermere, overshadowed the professionals on the Leatherhead course yesterday to lead the qualifiers for the inaugural European open championship, to be held at Walton Heath nearby from tomorrow until Sunday. He had a second round of 67 to achieve a two-round total of 137, three under par.

By a delicious irony, Michael Inglis, the experienced professional from the same club, became locked in a play-off on the Kingswood course with a score of 149. He survived in the end, at the expense of William McColl, of Coombe Hill.

Payne finished with three birdies in the last four holes, but the highlight of his round, according to a trusty messenger, was an eagle two at the 364 yards seventh. A breakdown in communications between Leatherhead and Walton Heath left us to assume that he holed his second from some way out.

Two other players played 137, but at Cuddington, where the par is also 70, they were Mark McNulty, of South Africa (68, 69) and Peter Berry, of Tewkesbury Park (71, 66). McNulty felt that, in spite of the rising wind, the lowering clouds, and the plummeting temperature, a reasonable professional score at Cuddington would be 66 or 67. He had missed a number of "short" putts, ie putts of up to 10 feet in his book.

The leading score on the third course, Kingswood, was 142 (two under par) by Peter Tupling. He scored only a 74 yesterday, but that was "all I came here to do". The leaders of the other two courses similarly did all they had gone there to do. John Hammond and Sandy Lyle both added a 72 to a 67, at Cuddington and Leatherhead respectively.

There was a spectacular failure at Cuddington, that of Christy O'Connor junior, a Ryder Cup player. After a 68 on the first day he was full of jaunty self-confidence in the locker room before going out, but he was destroyed by the first seven holes which cost him five strokes. He finished with 79 and was nowhere near the qualifying figure of 141.

## Qualifiers

**Cuddington**

137, P. Berry 71, 66; M. McNulty (SA), 68, 69. 138, D. Ingram 72, 66; P. Loxley 69, 69. 139, G. Burroughs 73, 66; J. Hammond 67, 72; C. Maltman 72, 67. 140, C. Mason 68, 72; D. Armour 71, 69. 141, D. Talbot 72, 69 (after play-off).

**Kingswood**

142, P. Tupling 68, 74. 145, R. Wynn 70, 75; E. Murray 74, 71; C. Defoy 69, 76. 146, D. Dunk 71, 75; S. Cox 71, 75. 147, M. Poxon 73, 74. 148, A. Thomson 73, 75; G. Harvey 73, 75; W. Milne 72, 76. 149, M. Inglis 75, 74 (after play-off).

**Leatherhead**

137, A. Payne 70, 67. 139, S. Lyle 67, 72. 143, D. A. Russell 69, 74. 144, A. Mew 73, 71; R. Bowman 70, 74. 145, N. Wood 73, 72; L. Platts 74, 71. 146, S. Adwick 75, 71; G. Baleson (SA) 75, 71; P. Toussaint (Belgium) 74, 72. 147, P. Franey 73, 74. 148, T. Johnson 74, 74 (after play-off).

# Britain's chances depend on McEvoy's form

Pacific Harbour, Fiji, Oct 17.—Britain start the defence of the Eisenhower Trophy, the men's world amateur team golf championship, here tomorrow with Australia, United States, Canada and Japan expected to provide the main opposition.

Australia will be aiming to complete a double at the picturesque Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club, which has been constructed on a reclaimed mangrove swamp, having last week won the women's team event here.

Tony Gresham leads the Australian team and he seems sure to be in the running for individual scoring honours. He had a 69, three under par, in practice yesterday and was under the card again today. But the man Gresham has to beat is Peter McEvoy, who spearheads Britain's title defence. British manager, Keith Mackenzie, rates him the best amateur golfer in the world and if Britain are to retain the trophy, it is essential that McEvoy plays at the top of his form.

The American team, like the Australian, is a neat blend of youth and experience. It includes 21-year-old John Cook, the United States amateur champion who is already being compared with Jack Nicklaus, and 34-year-old Jay Sigel.

Australia, Britain and United States are the only teams to have won the cup since its inception in 1958 with the Americans leading the way with six wins to two by each of the others in the two-yearly event.

Canada and Japan have both been runners-up twice—Canada in 1962 and 1964, and Japan in 1974 and 1976 when they were only two strokes behind the winning British team.

The tournament organizers decided today that because of bad weather here this week the result can be decided even if all 72 holes are not completed. The only proviso is that at least 36 holes have to be covered.

## Tennis

SYDNEY: Australian indoor championships: Men's singles, first round: T. Rocavert beat L. Hall, 6—4, 6—4; G. Masters beat C. Kachel, 6—2, 6—4; K. Rosewall beat R. Crealy, 6—1, 6—4; M. Edmondson beat R. Gittman, 6—2, 7—6; S. Stewart (US) beat A. Stone, 5—7, 6—4, 6—4; P. Dent beat R. Kelly, 6—4, 6—2; H. Pfister (US) beat J. Alexander, 6—2, 4—6, 6—3.

## Thomas cup team

England badminton team are at full strength with a team of Derek Talbot (Northumberland), Ray Stevens (Essex) and Kevin Jolly (Essex) for the first round of the European Zone of the Thomas Cup at Sunderland tomorrow.

SPORT

Cricket

# Boycott infers that he wishes to see full committee

By Richard Streeton

Geoffrey Boycott disclosed last night, by inference, that he does not wish to meet Yorkshire's cricket committee, who sacked him from the captaincy, but wishes to deal only with the club's full general committee. This emerged after the club said they had sent him a second letter, again asking him to meet the cricket committee.

Yorkshire's statement after they considered Boycott's answer to their original letter, said: "In view of the terms of Mr Boycott's reply, another letter has been sent to him today urging him to agree to meet the cricket committee of the club as a matter of urgency."

Mr Joe Lister, the Yorkshire secretary, declined to say anything further. Yorkshire have obviously decided against taking up Boycott's offer to make the contents of his letter known if the club wish to do so.

Later Boycott, through his solicitor, issued his statement: "Having regard to the terms of the secretary's reply to my letter, I would be very glad to meet the general committee of the club."

The two statements hint at something of an impasse between the parties and if it seems tinged with unimportant quibbling, some of the background should be remembered. Boycott confirmed last Friday he was willing to *meet the Yorkshire club though* it escaped comment then that he did not specify whom he met. The club's reiteration of their *in*vitation meant that Boycott had told them he did not wish to have dealings with the men who voted unanimously to depose him.

Almost certainly Boycott expressed the wish then to put the full factos of his case to the general committee *and his statement* has now confirmed this. There will now, of course, be further moves and counter moves before anything definite is settled. Time remains on nobody's side with Boycott due to leave for Australia with the England *team next* Tuesday.

It was the 10-strong cricket committee that Boycott criticized so forcibly on television for their lack of support at times during his period of captaincy. The cricket committee, virtually self-perpetuating under the Yorkshire *club's electoral system*, are known to have been, primarily, concerned about any possible disciplinary breach by Boycott.

Though Boycott has no current club contract operative at the moment, he is still bound by Test and County Cricket Board *(TCCB) regulations* as a registered player. These have stringent sections dealing with making public remarks on cricket matters.

Boycott does not believe he has yet infringed them. In his mind he is still concerned, overall, with a matter of principle, the degree of support he, or any other captain, might receive from the cricket committee. Presumably he feels that any meeting with the cricket committee might take place in a hostile atmosphere.

I understand that the general committee ratified the original sacking by a 21—8 margin. Boycott clearly has hopes that when he has outlined his case, the general committee will see the issue in a different light. It remains a sad conflict: Yorkshire, it hardly needs stressing, have no wish to disrupt Boycott's playing career; Boycott is adamant he has only Yorkshir cricket's long-term interests at heart.

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# Indian openers survive short-pitched barrage

Faisalabad, Oct 17.—India, replying to Pakistan's formidable first innings total of 503 for eight declared, survived a barrage of short-pitched bowling to reach 64 without loss at the close on the second day of the first Test here. Gavaskar, with the score at 50, called his captain Bedi on to the pitch to protest about the number of bouncers. Sarfraz Nawaz was immediately taken off by Mushtaq Mohammad.

Pakistan, beginning the day at 283 for three, continued to pile on the runs, Javed Miandad in excellent form. His stand with Zaheer for the fouth wicket put on 255 before Zaheer was caught by Viswanath off Prasanna for 176, including two sixes and 23 fours. It was the highest score by a Pakistan batsman against India.

Bedi bowled superbly in an attempt to restrict the Pakistan onslaught, his first 10 overs of the day conceding only 15 runs.

However there was no stopping Javed who had reached 154 not out, with three sixes and 13 fours, when Mushtaq declared at tea.

Gavaskar and Chauhan were given a torrid time by Sarfraz and Imran Khan. Pakistan's huge total put a heavy burden on the Indian openers but they responded well. Gavaskar twice glanced Imran neatly to the fine-leg boundary for four and the pair *put on 50 in 76 minutes*. The only chance came when Gavaskar had reached 20. He fended off another short-pitched delivery from Imran with the splice of his bat and the ball flew to Sadiq at short leg. But the Pakistan opener was unable to hold the catch.

At the close Gavaskar was undefeated on 23 with Chauhan, a fast improving batsman, 30 not out. Pakistan had conceded 11 extras, including 10 no-balls.

Much will depend on the pitch during the remaining three days, but the Indians must be hopeful of forcing a draw in the first Test played between the two sides for nearly 17 years.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

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|---|---|
| Majid Khan, b Bedi | 47 |
| Sadiq Mohammad, c and b Bedi | 41 |
| Zaheer Abbas, c Viswanath, b Prasanna | 176 |
| Mushtaq Mohammad, c Gavaskar, b Chandrasekhar | 5 |
| Javed Miandad, not out | 154 |
| Asif Iqbal, c Chauhan, b Bedi | 0 |
| Imran Khan, c Vengsarkar, b Chandrasekhar | 32 |
| Wasim Bari, b Chandrasekhar | 5 |
| Sarfraz Nawaz, l-b-w, b Chandrasekhar | 18 |
| Sikhandar Bakht, not out | 16 |
| Extras (b 1, l-b 5, n-b 5) | 11 |
| Total (8 wkts dec) | 503 |

Iqbal Qasim did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—84, 2—99, 3—110, 4—365, 5—378, 6—445, 7—452, 8—476.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 16—2—70—0; M. Amarnath, 7—0—16—0; Bedi, 49—9—123—3; Prasanna, 42—11—124—1; Chandrasekhar, 38—7—129—4.

INDIA: First Innings

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|---|---|
| Sunil Gavaskar, not out | 23 |
| Chetam Chauhan, not out | 30 |
| Extras (l-b 1, n-b 10) | 11 |
| Total (no wkt) | 64 |

BOWLING (to date): Imran Khan, 7—2—28—0; Sarfraz Nawaz, 7—1—16—0; Sikandar Bakht, 3—1—9—0; Mushtaq Mohammad, 1—1—0—0.

Reuter.

# An Indian summer that will be worth another £20,000

There is a strong chance of a competitive *spirit* returning to matches between the touring team and county cricket sides. A total of £20,000, which brings the sponsorship of the game in 1979 to about £700,000, is to be offered by Holt Products during the visit of India next summer.

Holts are to give a trophy and a prize of £500 to the county judged to have given the best *performance against the Indians*. The panel to make the decision has not yet been decided but Ted Dexter, formerly an England and Sussex captain, will be one of its members. There will be three other prizes.

A total of £5,500 will be shared equally by counties who beat the Indians and it will be won outright if only one county succeeds in winning. If no county side beats the tourists, there will be an extra £500 for the team judged to have given the best performance which, in addition to the tropny, would bring their cash award up to £1,000. Another £500 will be awarded to the county with the next best performance.

The Indians will receive £500 for each match they win, with an addition of £100 for each consecutive victory. Also a prize of £1,500 is to be split equally into £500 for those adjudged to be the best county bowler, batsman and wicketkeeper in matches against the Indians.

Welcoming the sponsorship, George Mann, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "Over the past few years, tourist matches against major counties tended to be overshadowed, but this sponsorship means that every match with the touring team will be fought hard in the right competitive spirit.

"We have interests overseas and hope that our sponsorship may become an international event", Tom Heywood, the chairman of Holt, said. He added that although initially it was a one-year contract for the Indian visit here, it was hoped that the Holt Trophy would become a regular feature of the cricket calendar.

Boxing

# Clever Spaniard may pose problems for Watt

Not many years ago, when the name of Jim Watt was mentioned, the casual boxing follower might be inclined to ask "Jim Who?" Now he knows. Watt has shaken off the anonymity of his earlier career. He has proved himself, and *his* competence is highly respected. He has held the European title since August 1977 and he is making it work for him to the extent that his bout at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow tonight against the *Spaniard, Antonia Guinaldo, will* be his third consecutive defence.

This represents almost frenzied activity for a man who has taken 10 years to get in fewer than 40 professional bouts. At 30, the self-effacing, pale-skinned Scot is making up for lost time. Watt won the title in an anti-climax of a bout in Glasgow which lasted 80 seconds and ended when his opponent suffered a cut eye. However, he followed up with a quick and more meaningful defence before the end of the year, and then proved himself beyond all dispute when he took the title to Spain and brought it back again with a fine win against Perico Fernandez.

Watt took the risk of going abroad because the money was good. This time the money is good at home—and the champion is fighting only a few miles from his own front room.

Guinaldo is the third Spaniard in succession to box Watt for the European title and he could prove the most difficult for he is fast and clever, while Watt is a notoriously slow starter. It is all very well coming from behind to win but sometimes the opponent refuses to cooperate. Watt would ease his own problems if he could manage to start delivering the solid stuff a few rounds earlier.

However, no-one seriously considers the possibility of defeat. Watt is good enough to let the opening rounds take care of themselves and press Guinaldo when the right time comes. He may be *a mild man outside the ring but* when the bell goes and his prime source of income is at stake, the champion knows what he has to do, and he can be relied upon to do it in front of his own home crowd. The Spaniard has never been stopped. He may face a new experience against Watt.

Henry Rhiney, of Luton, the British welterweight champion, failed to impress at the World's Sporting Club, London, on Tuesday night, when he laboured to a half-point win against Billy Walsh (Cardiff) over eight rounds. Rhiney, who is due to box for the European title in Austria next month, rarely looked the part against an opponent who took on the bout at five days notice and was not exactly trained to a hair.

For a contest between two men who have joindy had 113 professional contests, it fell short of the required standard and, as far as many of the spectators were concerned, Rhiney was lucky to get away with it. He took an early lead, but was crowded out by the Welshman in the later stages.

Tennis



Ann Hobbs: justified her Wightman Cup selection.

# Miss Evert turns up to see unknown rivals

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The prize fund in the BMW women's tennis tournament at Brighton is £38,660. The singles draw of 32 includes four "top-tenners". But the first players *to reach the last eight were Sylvia* Hanika and a qualifier, Nina Bohm, whose respective world rankings are 66th and 103rd. Well, these *things* happen. But yhen Christine Evert turned up yesterday with her current beau, John Lloyd, she could have been forgiven from wondering if she had *wandered to the wrong tournament.*

Miss Hanika is 18, comes from Munich, and has been playing full-time since she left school last year. She is a left-hander with a heavy service and, on both flanks, a variety of spin. Her first year has been so successful that she *may find herself playing No. 1* for Germany in next month's Federation Cup. Her talent needs the discipline that ony experience can provide. But so far so good. At Brighton she has beaten Michele Tyler and Katherine Glancy. Miss Glancy is also 18 and also left-handed. She was beaten in the qualifying competition but filled a gap in the draw and, presumabily, has been encouraged by a win over the seventh seed, Regina Marsikova, an da cheque for £515.

Miss Bohm has beaten the sixth seed, Marita Redondo, and *Mariana* Simionescu. She is tall and 20, comes from Stockholm, and was formerly a promising high jumper. The preceding match on the same court had featured another Swede, Elizabeth Ekblom, who had similar colour-two-fisted backhand—but differed ing, a similar build and a similar *from Miss Bohm in that she had* two pig tails instead of one.

Miss Ekblom was beaten by Betty Stove, who was in one of those powerfully facile moods that make the game look ridiculously easy. Miss Stove and Virginia Wade, who contested last year's Wimbledon final, were playing simultaneousl on the two adjacent courts. Miss Wade beat a comatrlypot, Joanna Durie, 15 years her junior, who began well but, eventually wilting under pressure of unfamiliar severity, reached duece only twice in losing the last seven games.

Another domestic match, tougher and emotionally more demanding because *the players* are close rivals, was that in which Anne Hobbs, who is in the Wightman Cup team, won 1—6, 6—3, 6—3, against Glynis Coles, who used to be. Miss Hobbs was too nervous to make much impresesion in the first set. After that, Miss Coles had to work hard for her points. From 1—6, 3—all and 15—30 down, Miss Hobbs won eight games out of nine. But against firm resistence, she needed five match points before finishing a third set in which she led 5—1.

*This meant that of the five* British players who will line up against the United States at the Albert Hall from November 2 to 4, Miss Wade and Miss Hobbs were in the second round. Miss Tyler and Susan Barker had been beatenin the first, and Susan Mappin had failed to qualify. Britain were beaten 7—0 in last year's Wightman Cup match. They will be burdened by no great weight of expectation when the arrive at the Albert Hall.

So far the players have exerted no visible stress on the composure of the ball girls, the genteel *young ladies of Roedean, who are* learning fast and have been trained to deal with any contingency, however provocative, without socking anybody. The arena has yet to be packed. But anyone planning to drive down for the day should allow about 40 minutes for parking. Yes, 40 minutes. That is not a maximum. Just an average.

FIRST ROUND: Miss V. Wade beat Miss J. Durie, 6—4, 6—0; Miss B. Stove (Netherlands) beat E. Ekblom (Sweden), 6—1, 6—3; Miss A. Hobbs beat Miss G. Coles, 1—6, 6—3, 6—3.

SECOND ROUND: Miss S. Hanika (WG) beat Miss K. Glancy, 6—1, 6—1; Miss N. Bohm (Sweden) beat Miss M. Simionescu (Romania), 6—3, 1—6, 6—0.

French racing

# Nonoalca's expensive nose is in front where it matters

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, Oct 17

Nonoalca an £83,000 purchase at last year's Deauville select yearling sales, justified her price by taking today's group three Prix des Reservoirs at Longchamp. Second past the post, beaten a nose and giving 3lb, came Water Lily, who in turn was followed by La Tranite, Cheerfully, Reverente and Pritaje.

Water Lily, who was quite outstanding in the paddock, attempted to lead the event from start to finish, and, until the straight, was closely attended by Riviere Noire, Reverente and Viva Rosa with Pritaje and Hind also well up. With two furlongs of the mile race left to run, Alfred Gibert headed for home on Water Lily, while Nonoalca and Alain Lequeux were finding a gap between Viva Rosa and Hind.

Throughout the final furlong, Nonoalca closed on Water Lily, and the two fillies crossed the line together. After a photograph Nonoalca was awarded the race by the minimum distance of a nose. La Trinite and Cheerfully both made some late progress without looking dangerous. Nonoalca, who was never touched by the whip and also ran green, will contest next season's French classics, leaving Aage Paus's other top filly, Pitasia, to plunder the top English prizes.

Alec Head confirmed today that Dancing Maid would definitely turn out for next Saturday's Champion Stakes at Newmarket. The filly pleased in her final work *this morning, and will be accom*panied to England by Bilal, Pyjama Hunt, and Pevero, who is likely to be ridden by Greville Starkey as Phillipe Paquet will be serving a four-day suspension.

PRIX DES RESERVOIRS (Group III: 2-y-o fillies: £13,333: 1m)
Nonoalca, ch f, by Nonoalco—Medina (Mrs F. Moshrel) 8-13 .... A. Lequeux 1
Water Lily, br f, by Riverman—First Bloom (Sir R. McAlpine) 9-2 .... A. Gibert 2
La Trinite, ch f, by Lyphard—Promessa (P. de Moussac) 8-13 .... M. Philipperon 3
ALSO RAN: Cheerfully (4th), Reverente, Pritaje, Reason to Rhyme, Hind, Ouro Verde, Viva Rosa, Riviere Noire, Belle Viking. 12 ran.
PARI-MUTUEL: Win, 3.10 fr; pl, 1.60, 4.70, 3.30. A. Paus. Nose, ½l. 1min 43.7sec.

Bloodstock sales

# BBA pay 154,000 gns for Habitat yearling

The Houghton Yearling Sales at Newmarket sprang to life yesterday when the British Bloodstock Agency paid 154,000 guineas for a half *brother to the smart stayer*, Meistersinger, by Habitat. The agency, bidding for a foreign syndicate headed by a Greek millionaire, Stavros Niarchos, outbid the former jump jockey, Tommy Stack, acting on behalf of Robert Sangster and his partners.

Sir Philip Payne-Gallwey who *did* the nodding for the BBA said: "He will go to Peter Walwyn and race in Mr Niarchos's colours." He was submitted from the Cayton Park Stud, whose owner, Gerald Leigh, said: "He's a very nice horse and a real athlete."

The stud bought th edam, Miss Petard, for 64,000 glnueas in this sales arena at the 1973 December Sales. Her first produce, Meistersinger (by Rheingold) made 29,000 guineas as a yearling and the stud has now more than doubled its outlay.

Miss Petard was trained by Ryan Jarvis and won the group two Ribblesdale Stakes at Ascot for the Newmarket trainer. Habitat has produced many good horses, and this year has the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes winner, Homing, who has recently been syndicated to stand at the Highclere Stud.

The BBA were again the successful bidders when paying 150,000 guineas for a son of Mill Reef named Vrachos. They outlasted the French trainer, François Boutin, to secure this colt for Mutsuaki and Koji Doi, horse breeders and merchants in Japan.

Surprisingly, Vrachos will be confined to racing in Japan, where foreign-bred horses are only allowed to run in about 30 per cent of the events. They are also not eligible for Japanese classics.

The exploits of Mill Reef's two Derby winning sons, Shirley Heights and Acamas, have certainly boosted the sale of his progeny. Another of his stock, a filly out of Sweet Charity, made 84,000 guineas, yet again to the BBA, and this one will also race for the Greek syndicate and be trained by Peter Walwyn. This half sister to the King Edward VII Stakes winner, Marquis de Sade, *was sent up from Sir Freddie* Laker's Woodcote Stud. The dam, Sweet Charity, won four races and this filly is her fifth foal.

## Guadanini runs in US

Laurel, Maryland, Oct 17.—Guadanini, a *four-year-old French* colt has joined the field for the $200,000 Washington International at Laurel racecourse on November 4. Joseph Kaida, the owner, accepted for Guadanini, who joins the four-year-old filly, Trillion, and the three-year-old colt Frere Basile as representatives of France. Other starters are Stone, Italy's top three-year-old, and three United States entries—Exceller, Noble Dancer and Macdiarmida.—Reuter.

Racing

# Money talks loudly for More Light

By Michael Seely

The punters have at last taken the bait offered by the bookmakers in their betting on the Dewhurst Stakes. Both Hills and Ladbrokes reported a flood of money yesterday for Dick Hern's representative, More Light. Furious arguments have raged ever since that dramatic finish to the Champagne Stakes in which R. B. Chesne and Joe Mercer just held at bay the late attack of William Carson and More Light.

The West Ilsley candidate's adherents swear that More Light was one of the unluckiest losers seen all season and yesterday they backed their opinion with solid cash. Among several large wagers Hills said that they laid More Light to lose £42,000 in one hand at 7-2 and in consequence have cut the colt's price to 5-2. From Ladbrokes it was a similar story. After an individual bet of £7,000 to £2,000 they have trimmed More Light's odds to 11-4.

I am sticking to my opinion that R. B. Chesne is the faster of the two and that Mercer had to use the Brigadier Gerard colt's speed too early. But yesterday's activities certainly added further fuel to the fire of excitement created by the prospect of the clash between this pair, Tromos and the Irish challenger, Miami Springs.

There were 19 acceptors for the Cesarewitch and 12 for the Champion Stakes at the four-day stage. A range of 21lb will cover the runners in the Cesarewitch. Hard Attack, originally allotted 8st 3lb in the second leg of the autumn double, was the highest-weighted runner to stand his ground. Ryan Price's six-year-old will have to shoulder 10st on Saturday.

Ian Balding's Centurion is favourite at 5-1 with the sponsors, the Tote. But Centurion's Ayr victim, Chokwaro, hardly advertised that form when disappointing at Redcar yesterday. And unless the rain comes to Centurion's aid the finish may be dominated by Knighthood and Piccadilly Line. Knighthood needed the race when third to Sir Gregor at the October meeting. And Piccadilly Line has shown that vital ability to quicken in his recent victories at Goodwood and Newbury. Amerian, who disliked the mud behind when unplaced behind Centurion at Ayr, could be the best outsider.

Hawaiian Sound remains a firm favourite for the Champion. All the 2-1 at the Tote was taken yesterday and the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup winner is now top-priced at 2-1 with Hills. This mile and a quarter test is always one of the most fascinating races of the season and this year's running, which appears to be a three-cornered affair between Hawaiian Sound, Dancing Maid and Gunner B, promises to be no exception.

This afternoon's programmes at Haydock Park and Folkestone have a wintry appearance and there are signs that the 1978 flat racing season is drawing to a close. There are important races still to be decided at Newbury, Doncaster and Haydock Park's final meeting before the campaign closes with the running of the November Handicap on November 11. But from now on the better-class steeplechasers will be starting to appear. And the sight of today's card at Wetherby and Worcester will make the blood of National Hunt enthusiasts tingle in anticipation of the treats in store.

The main attraction at Wetherby is the appearance of Peter Easterby's two stars, Night Nurse, and King Weasel. Night Nurse, the deposed champion hurdler, is having his second run over fences in the Bobby Renton Memorial Novices Steeplechase. At Market Rasen Night Nurse made a clumsy jump at the fourth fence and unseated John O'Neill. With O'Neill being out of action with a broken arm until after Christmas, Ian Watkinson will be deputising for the injured champion jockey.

Roadhead and I'm A Driver are the two previous winners in the field. Josh Gifford described Roadhead as the best natural jumper he had seen before Roadhead made his first appearance over hurdles at Wincanton two years ago.

STATE OF GOING (official): Folkestone: Firm. Haydock Park: Good to Firm. Wetherby: Good to Firm. Worcester: Hurdles, Good to Firm. Steeplechases, firm. Tomorrow: Newmarket: Good. Taunton: Firm.

## Folkestone programme

1.45 SEDLESCOMBE STAKES (£520: 6f)
1 010010 Compound (D), Mrs N. Birch, 4-9-0 .... R. Curant 3
2 200050 Royal Friend (B), M. Salaman, 4-9-0 .... A. Kimberley 1
3 205040 Derken, D. Weeden, 3-8-11 .... D. Latter 7 3
5 233032 Marcoing (C), N. Vigors, 3-8-11 .... L. Hannigan 7 8
7 0000C0 The Hit Man (B), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 3-8-11 .... R. Fox 10
8 C0000 Wallfrag (B), W. Holden, 3-8-11 .... G. Starkey 6
9 000000 Where's Henry, A. Neaves, 3-8-11 .... K. Pinnington 7 5
10 01-0000 Will Hard, B. Shaw, 3-8-11 .... — 7
11 C-04030 Lady Wyddial, D. Weeden, 3-8-8 .... P. Young 3 4
12 400001 Ritalis (D), P. Haslam, 3-8-8 .... B. Jago 5
13-8 Ritalis, 11-4 Marcoing, 5-1 Compound, 8-1 Royal Friend, 12-1 Derken, Will Hard, 14-1 others.

2.15 HURST GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £764: 1m 7f 100yd)
201 000-200 Cameseta, M. Goswell, 9-0 .... — 2
235 324204 Headwind, I. Walker, 9-0 .... P. Colquhoun 7 1
207 000022 Man on the Run, W. Wightman, 9-0 .... P. Eddery 3
239 340040 Roygien, C. Benstead, 9-0 .... B. Rouse 4
5-4 Man on the Run, 5-2 Roygien, 5-2 Cameseta, 6-1 Headwind.

2.45 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP (£2,131: 1¼m)
301 141121 Oisin (D), G. Harwood, 5-10-0 .... G. Starkey 1
308 403432 Kemon, P. Walwyn, 3-8-7 .... P. Eddery 3
310 142301 Athenia Princess (D), T. Waugh, 3-8-5 .... A. Bond 4
313 200430 Gold Claim, M. Salaman, 6-8-2 .... R. Curant 2
7-4 Oisin, 2-1 Kemon, 5-2 Athenia Princess, 8-1 Gold Claim.

3.15 NORTHIAM HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,358: 5f)
401 400102 Crest of Gold (D), W. O'Gorman, 9-7 .... P. Eddery 1
403 1002 Singing Clover (D), P. Cole, 8-13 .... G. Baxter 2
408 203401 Santaclaire, H. Collingridge, 8-5 .... G. Sexton 3
413 00010 Just Splendid (D), A. Ingham, 8-0 .... A. Bond 5
415 200013 Bentinck Hotel (B.D), G. Blum, 7-9 .... — 4
6-4 Crest of Gold, 7-2 Singing Clover, 5-1 Santaclaire, 13-2 Just Splendid, 8-1 Bentinck Hotel.

3.45 BREDE APPRENTICES' HANDICAP (£958: 1¼m)
501 400302- Coaldust (B), D. Jermy, 5-10-0 .... C. Colbey 5
506 100003 First Break, M. Salaman, 7-8-6 .... A. Jones 5 4
511 004100 Antique Seeker (C,D), M. Ryan, 3-7-9 .... — 2
513 001421 Calatena (D), R. Smyth, 3-7-7 .... K. Pinnington 1
515 442100 Chorus Line (B), M. Haynes, 3-7-7 .... W. Swirburn 7
517 00-0130 Miss Informer, R. Vibert, 3-7-7 .... C. Oliver 3
520 00-000 Service Charge, B. Shaw, 5-7-7 .... H. Shaw 5 1
2-1 Calatena, 5-2 Antique Seeker, 7-2 First Break, 6-1 Chorus Line, 8-1 Miss Informer, 10-1 others.

4.15 ASHFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £685: 5f)
601 Amber Shine, P. Walwyn, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 1
602 3 Blessy, J. Winter, 8-11 .... A. Kimberley 6
604 00 Crimson Way, P. Cole, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 4
609 Mandilinee, A. Breasley, 8-11 .... G. Ramshaw 2
613 200340 Proud Performance, G. Harwood, 8-11 .... G. Starkey 1
621 What A Treasure, C. Benstead, 8-11 .... B. Rouse 5
11-4 Amber Shine, 7-2 Blessy, 9-2 Proud Performance, 5-1 Mandilinee, 15-2 Crimson Way, 12-1, What A Treasure.

## Folkestone selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.45 Royal Friend. 2.15 Man on the Run. 2.45 Kemon. 3.15 Crest of Gold. 4.35 Calatena. 4.15 Proud Performance.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Derken. 2.15 Headwind. 2.45 Athenia Princess. 3.15 Crest of Gold. 3.45 Antique Seeker. 4.15 Blessy.

## Haydock Park programme

2.0 SYCAMORE STAKES (2-y-o: £2,103: 6f)
2 00040 Fort Lonesome (B), D. Sasse, 8-11 .... J. Reid 7
6 0 Longdon's Pride, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... J. Greensmith 7 3
7 0 Newfarm Boy, P. Cole, 8-11 .... S. Eccles 11
8 034030 Oyston Estates (B), J. Berry, 8-11 .... D. Burns 5
10 0004 Prince of Arabia (B), J. Nelson, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 13
15 000022 Gormfliath, S. Norton, 8-8 .... M. Wood 5 8
17 0000 Homing Bird (B), J. Bethell, 8-8 .... W. Carson 1
18 04 Lilac Star, A. Jarvis, 8-8 .... S. Jarvis 5 2
19 000042 Long Meadow, S. Supple, 8-8 .... S. Salmon 4
20 00000 Markina, R. D. Peacock, 8-8 .... E. Johnson 15
21 00042 Miss Inglewood, W. Wharton, 8-8 .... W. Wharton 5 14
22 000 Miss Sparks, P. Cundell, 8-8 .... P. Cook 9
25 000020 Mmitamus, M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .... C. Moss 16
23 00 Poetry in Motion, C. Nelson, 8-8 .... J. Lynch 10
26 00 Rose of Lorraine, C. Crossley, 8-8 .... M. Banner 7 12
27 000000 Stephouette (B), R. Murphy, 8-8 .... J. Lowe 6
9-4 Oyston Estates, 4-1 Miss Inglewood, 5-1 Prince of Arabia, 11-2 Mmitamus, 8-1 Long Meadow, Gormfliath, 10-1 Longdon's Pride, 12-1 Fort *Lonesome*, 16-1 others.

2.30 MAPLE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,549: 7f 40yd)
1 321102 Etoile Des Indes, H. Cecil, 9-7 .... J. Mercer 2
3 010 Park Covert, J. W. Watts, 9-2 .... J. Lowe 6
5 0001 Pitrock, C. Nelson, 9-0 .... J. Lynch 11
8 01400 Honiara, P. Cole, 8-13 .... S. Eccles 7
11 003322 Classic Athena, A. Jarvis, 8-8 .... S. Jarvis 5 9
14 030100 Arms King (B), E. Weymes, 8-7 .... G. Duffield 1
15 003030 Computercall (B), B. Lunness, 8-6 .... B. Raymond 3
20 0030 Ibn Sari, W. Wharton, 8-0 .... R. Street 5 4
23 001420 Barocchello (B), M. H. Easterby, 7-10 .... S. Salmon 8
25 403030 Una Yappa, J. Bethell, 7-7 .... M. Wigham 3
26 0140 The Levite, D. Henley, 7-7 .... K. Darley 5 10
7-4 Classic Athena, 100-30 Pitrock, 9-2 Park Covert, 11-2 Etoile Des Indes, 8-1 Barocchello, 12-1 Una Yappa, 14-1 others.

3.0 WALNUT STAKES (£1,749: 5f)
1 1-40001 Latest Model (D), R. D. Peacock, 4-9-5 .... E. Johnson 2
6 24-0400 Future Forest (B,CD), W. H. Williams, 5-8-9 .... M. Birch 1
8 002000 Jimmy The Singer (B), B. Lunness, 5-8-9 .... B. Raymond 4
11 002200 Nice Value (CD), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-9 .... M. Wigham 3
15 212-202 *Amaranda* (D), H. Wragg, 3-8-6 .... W. Carson 5
17 000420 Lady Constance (D), M. Salaman, 3-8-6 .... A. Cousins 6
18 003040 Form Sett (B), L. Barratt, 3-8-3 .... C. Dwyer 7
6-4 Amaranda, 7-4 Future Forest, 6-1 Latest Model, 10-1 Jimmy the Singer, 12-1 Lady Constance, 14-1 Nice Value, 16-1 Form Sett.

3.30 BEECH HANDICAP (£2,523: 1m 40yd)
1 141000 Temple Wood (B,C), W. Hern, 5-10-0 .... W. Carson 12
3 1-40000 Destiny Girl (B,C,D), P. Cundell, 3-9-3 .... P. Cook 11
6 110000 Staffordshire Knot (B,C), R. Hollinshead, 3-8-13 .... T. Ives 7
10 012000 Haddfan, J. Dunlop, 3-8-9 .... J. Mercer 1
16 104323 Referendum (CD), C. Thornton, 5-8-5 .... E. Apter 3
17 102410 Underfell, E. Weymes, 3-8-2 .... G. Duffield 10
18 0130-02 Hazy Weather (CD), J. W. Watts, 4-8-2 .... J. Lowe 4
19 321141 Priestcroft Boy (CD), M. H. Easterby, 5-7-13 .... M. Birch 9
21 310004 Eastern Palace (B), E. Beeson, 4-7-11 .... S. Salmon 5
23 000412 Mahar (CD), J. Calvert, 4-7-8 .... A. Mercer 5 13
24 030310 Disc Jockey (D), W. H. Williams, 4-7-7 .... C. Eccleston 2
32 0-00000 Ladies Man, W. Guest, 5-7-7 .... A. Auld 7 6
35 030002 Balranald, H. Westbrook, 6-7-7 .... R. Street 8
4-1 Hazy Weather, 9-2 Haddfan, 6-1 Referendum, 7-1 Priestcroft Boy, 8-1 Mahar, 10-1 Disc Jockey, Temple Wood, 12-1 Staffordshire Knot, Eastern Palace, 16-1 others.

4.0 CHESTNUT STAKES (3-y-o fillies: maidens: £1,243: 1m 40yd)
1 000-000 Amance, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... T. Ives 19
2 000 Birichina, D. Sasse, 8-11 .... J. Bleasdale 1
3 0 Blue Coral, S. Supple, 8-11 .... S. Salmon 18
4 000002 Canyon Ride (B), I. Balding, 8-11 .... J. Matthias 11
5 0- Eight Carat, M. Smyly, 8-11 .... P. Cook 9
6 0 Farafield, C. Miller, 8-11 .... D. McKay 18
7 00 Fidler's Gold, J. S. Turner, 8-11 .... C. Moss 5
8 2 Gilt, B. Hills, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 15
9 000 Heavenly Laird, E. Carter, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 12
10 200023 Ishatchew (B), J. Dunlop, 8-11 .... J. Lowe 16
12 030023 Lampion, D. Ringer, 8-11 .... J. Bleasdale 15
13 0-4 Little Loch Broom (B), R. Houghton, 8-11 .... J. Reid 17
25 000020 Salamis (B), W. Hern, 8-11 .... W. Carson 10
26 30 Sister Connie, H. Cecil, 8-11 .... J. Mercer 1
27 003043 Sparking, J. Bethell, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 8
29 2-00433 To Glory (B), I. Walker, 8-11 .... G. Duffield 5
30 000000 Track Sovereign, R. Mason, 8-11 .... — 6
31 24-0000 Unexpected, R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 7
33 000300 White House Lady, J. Calvert, 8-11 .... M. Birch 14
5-1 Sister Connie, 7-2 Canyon Ride, 9-2 Gilt, 6-1 Salamis, 8-1 Ishatchew, 9-1 Little Loch Broom, 10-1 To Glory, 12-1 Lampion, 16-1 others.

4.30 HORNBEAM HANDICAP (£1,850: 1¼m)
1 1d1113 Sockburn (D), M. Camacho, 4-10-0 .... G. Cosney 5 11
2 044104 Mr Fordette (D), G. Harwood, 6-9-12 .... J. Mercer 4
3 000112 Question Mark (B.D), H. Candy, 3-9-7 .... P. Waldron 13
4 22-3314 Country Fair (D), H. Wragg, 4-9-6 .... M. Wigham 1
5 044400 Voucher Book (D), C. Thornton, 5-9-5 .... J. Bleasdale 2
6 022000 Hauser (D), W. Hern, 4-9-5 .... W. Carson 13
7 100002 Battlement (D), P. Asquith, 6-9-4 .... K. Darley 5 10
8 210- Silver Shadow (CD), M. H. Easterby, 4-9-3 .... M. Birch 3
9 013212 Bridestones (D), J. Hindley, 3-9-3 .... A. Kimberley 5
10 030233 English Export, Denys Smith, 4-9-3 .... L. Charnock 8
11 230410 More Pleasure (D), B. Hobbs, 4-9-1 .... J. Lynch 16
13 020030 Iver (B.D), R. Akehurst, 7-8-13 .... P. Cook 6
16 040040 Frassh (D), B. Lunness, 5-8-1 .... A. Mercer 5 15
19 002-0 Dan Flynn, C. Thornton, 4-7-13 .... E. Johnson 9
21 Supreme Vista, B. Richmond, 5-7-8 .... J. Lowe 12
22 23400 Miss Ponti, T. Craig, 4-7-7 .... A. Mackay 7 7
9-2 Bridestones, 5-1 Country Fair, 6-1 Question Mark, Battlement, 8-1 Sockburn, 10-1 Voucher Book, Mr Fordette, 12-1 More Pleasure, Hauser, 14-1 English Export, 16-1 others.

## Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
*2.0 Mmitamus. 2.30 Etoile des Indes. 3.0 Future Forest.* 3.30 Hazy Weather. 4.0 Sister Connie. 4.30 Voucher Book.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Etoile des Indes. 3.0 Amaranda. 4.0 Sister Connie. 4.30 Bridestones.

## Worcester NH

2.0 EXCELNIR SELLING HURDLE (£480: 2m)
02 Acle, 11-0 .... T. Albone
00 Appollo Kit, 11-0 J. Butchard 4
03 Birthday Wish, 11-0 .. H. Evans
Can-We-Tell, 11-0 .... T. Hallett
b00 Gallboy, 11-0 .... N. Clary
Haranna, 11-0 .... R. Davies
Hi-Quay, 11-0 .... A. Dickman
5 Huntless, 11-0 .... R. Kington
0 Jaisingh, 11-0 .. Mr Jackson 7
4 Little Sir, 11-0 .... H. Davies 4
0 Marcus Hook, 11-0 .. C. Brown
0 Merchantman, 11-0 .. M. Lowry
Patino, 11-0 .... R. Evans
u0u Prince Allander, 11-0 .... D. Cartwright
4 Safe 'n' Sound, 11-0 S. Holland
0 Shemala, 11-0 .... R. Hyett
p Yaemeopit, 11-0 B. R. Davies
3-1 Hi Quay, 6-1 Little Sir, 6-1 Acle, 13-2 Marcus Hook, 8-1 Birthday Wish, 9-1 Safe 'n' Sound, 10-1 Huntless, 13-1 Haranna, 16-1 Jaisingh, 20-1 others.

2.30 SABRINA CHASE (Handicap: £957: 2m)
4-11 Tingle Creek, 12-12-7 .... S. Smith-Eccles
1-11 Party Line, 9-12-0 .... R. Evans
f-3 Santon Brig, 9-11-7 T. Carmody
223- Malford Grove, 10-10-10 .... J. Barlow
f0-0 Tex, 12-10-4 .... B. Ellison
15-8 Party Line, 3-1 Tingle Creek, 4-1 Santon Brig, 9-2 Malford Grove, 8-1 Tex.

3.0 GEOFFREY ELIOT CHASE (Handicap: £1,358: 3m)
00-0 Golden Whin, 8-10-11 S. Holland
f3f- Hard Outlook, 7-10-10 .... C. Kinane 7
-133 Free Motion, 7-10-2 .. R. Crank
142 Gay God, 8-10-0 .... R. Evans
15-8 Gay God, 5-2 Free Motion, 11-4 Hard Outlook, 9-2 Golden Whin.

3.30 SIR KEN PATTERN HURDLE (£2,680: 2¼m)
0- Ca Marche, 6-11-2 .. G. McNally
40-3 Caper's Lad, 6-11-2 Mr Mitchell
1 Charta Pearl, 6-11-2 J. Francome
4f- Doddington Park, 5-11-2 .... M. Floyd
Dowdall, 6-11-2 .... J. Burke
0- *Grand Trianon*, 6-11-2 *H. Davies*
3p- Iron Fighter, 5-11-2 .. R. Atkins
0-11 Swing Through, 5-11-2 .. B. Smart
00-0 Villo Lad, 7-11-2 .... Mr Price
422 Red Clip, 4-10-11 .. M. Bastard
5- Williamson, 4-10-11 .... M. O'Halloran
9-1 Charta Pearl, 5-2 Dowdall, 6-1 Williamson, 13-2 Grand Trianon, 9-1 Swing Through, 12-1 Ca Marche, 20-1 Caper's Lad, Red Clip, 33-1 others.

4.0 WORCESTER ROWING CLUB CHASE (£763: 2½m)
41p Solentown, 6-12-4 .. N. Kernick
0-ff Andrew, 6-11-8 .... R. Hyett
00f- Another Prospect, 6-11-8 .... P. Blecker
3u3 Brereton Green, 7-11-8 .... Mr Fowler 7
412- Choral Prince, 6-11-8 .... R. F. Davies
440- Cradenly, 9-11-8 .... R. Evans
22f Ernest, 6-11-8 .... G. Jones
4ff Faint Hope, 7-11-8 .... R. Gardinor 7
f00- Jolly King, 8-11-8 .. S. Parkyn
Lanade, 5-11-5 .... Mr Walter 7
520- The Opposition, 5-11-5 .... S. Morshead
9-4 Choral Prince, 100-30 Ernest, 5-2 Brereton Green, 11-2 The Opposition, 8-1 Another Prospect, 10-1 Solentown, 12-1 Andrew, 14-1 Cradenly, 20-1 others.

4.30 LEXICON HURDLE (Handicap: £844: 2m)
131 Sean, 4-11-7 .... J. Burke
4p-0 Lustful Lady, 6-11-1 .... Mr Mitchell
Cloud Park, 9-11-1 .... C. Smith
430- Fob, 7-10-13 .... J. Barlow
031 Cantile, 12-10-8 Lorna Vincent 7
4-02 Duneeds Daughter, 5-10-0 .... A. Webb 4
200 Croftamie, 10-10-0 .... C. Jones
040- Lucky Ambition, 5-10-0 C. Jones
Green Signal, 7-10-0 .... —
11-10 Sean, 100-30 Cantile, 7-1 Duneeds Daughter, 8-1 Fob, 10-1 Lustful Lady, 12-1 Cloud Park, 16-1 Croftamie, 33-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

SELECTIONS: 2.0 Acle. 2.30 Party Line. 3.0 Gay God. 3.30 Dowdall. 4.0 Ernest. 4.30 Sean.

## Wetherby NH

2.15 HALLFIELD HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o Novices: £549: 2m)
412 Raise You, 11-10 .. A. Bowker
1 Sovereigns Jubilee, 11-10 .... N. Tinkler
Bartlemy Fair, 11-0 P. Charlton
00-u Barton Cross, 11-0 .... J. McLaughton 7
Bird of Fortune, 11-0 G. Holmes
f02 General Patterns, 11-0 .... D. Goulding
000 Music Girl, 11-0 .... R. Lamb
0 Regeric, 11-0 .. D. Nesbitt 7
Rojan, 11-0 .... P. Mangan
00- Super Selected, 11-0 .... Mr G. Sloan
0p- Warren Gorse, 11-0 J. Thomson
6-4 Raise You, 2-1 Sovereigns Jubilee, 4-1 General Patterns, 8-1 Bird of Fortune, 12-1 Super Selected, 20-1 others.

2.45 BOBBY RENTON CHASE (Novices Pattern race: £3,038: 2m 50yd)
12-1 Roadhead, 5-11-4 .. R. Champion
00-3 Blue Chrome, 6-11-1 .... D. Goulding
00-0 Fighting Spirit, 6-11-1 .... —
11-1 I'm A Driver, 7-11-5 T. Carmody
30-u Night Nurse, 7-11-1 .... I. Watkinson
1-32 Flameproof, 5-11-0 .... —
0 Killiecrankie, 5-11-0 .. Mr Dun
7-4 Roadhead, 11-4 I'm A Driver, 7-2 Night Nurse, 11-2 Flameproof, 8-1 Blue Chrome, 6-1 others.

3.15 TRAINERS' HURDLE (Handicap: Round 9: £1,033: 2m)
30-1 Paper Rich, 5-12-3 .. R. Barry
110- Kelso Chant, 6-11-18 D. Atkins
111 Laen, 5-11-6 .... C. Grant 5
313- Temuco, 4-10-13 .. T. Davies 7
40-3 *Court Circus, 8-10-12 —
100- Powers of Darkness, 4-10-11 D. Munro
00f- Mallow, 5-10-2 .. D. Goulding
0-03 Continhugh, 7-10-0 S. Charlton
400- Four Pals, 5-10-0 .. P. Mangan
15-8 Laen, 9-4 Paper Rich, 9-2 Kelso Chant, 6-1 Temuco, 10-1 Continhugh, 16-1 others.

3.45 GORDON FOSTER CHASE (Handicap: £1,198: 3m 100yd)
310- Tamalin, 11-12-5 .... R. Barry
50-0 Cumbria, 8-10-7 G. Faulkner
-021 Oskard, 9-10-0 .... G. Holmes
33p- Tartan Tudor, 11-10-0 .... P. Charlton
15-8 Tamalin, 9-4 Oskard, 7-2 Cumbria, 5-1 Tartan Tudor.

4.15 HEADLEY CHASE (Handicap: £1,226: 2¼m 100yd)
111- King Weasel, 6-12-1 .... I. Watkinson
0f-0 Lord Greystoke, 7-11-3 R. Barry
30-0 Never There, 8-10-0 P. Mangan
1-2 King Weasel, 6-2 Lord Greystoke, *6-1 Never There*.

4.45 HALLFIELD HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o Novices: £551: 2m)
0-01 Direct Line, 11-10 .. R. Collins
613 Royal Bishop, 11-10 .... D. Nesbitt 7
Brookroyd, 11-0 .... J. Doyle
00-0 Carissimo, 11-0 .... R. Page
0 Don't Forget, 11-0 .. Mr Dun 4
Go Jack, 11-0 .... A. Kenedy 7
Halghall, 11-0 .... K. Gray
Hallo Dandy, 11-0 D. Goulding
Koron Park, 11-0 .. M. Barnes
Lucky Story, 11-0 .. S. Houler 7
Majestic Bay, 11-0 .. T. Carmody
450- Moor Close, 11-0 .. A. Brown 4
0 Night Path, 11-0 .... —
00-0 Pantera, 11-0 .... A. Bowker
0- Pinero, 11-0 .... R. Barry
Prince Limbo, 11-0 G. Faulkner
03-3 Romany Light, 11-0 G. Holmes
5-2 Direct Line, 3-1 Royal Bishop, 6-1 Romany Light, 6-1 Pinero, 8-1 Go Jack, 10-1 Majestic Bay, 14-1 Prince Limbo, 20-1 others.
*Doubtful runner.

SELECTIONS: 2.15 Raise You. 2.45 Roadhead is specially recommended. 3.15 Laen. 3.45 Tamalin. 4.15 King Weasel. 4.45 Go Jack.

## Warwick results

2.0 (2.3) MARKET SQUARE STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maidens: £677: 5f)
Explosiva, br f, by Explodent—Whispering Willow (D. O'Hanna), 8-11 .... G. Starkey (3-1) 1
Pluvial .... J. Mercer (11-10 fav) 2
La-Don .... P. Eddery (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Golden Voleur, 10-1 Gosport (4th), 16-1 Singing Lease, 20-1 Midi Lass, 33-1 Bailbrook, Brahms and Liszt, Marker Buoy, Whistling Tom, My Luvbird, Polyscent, Splendid Girlie, Walmart, Winesong. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 14p, 12p, 23p; dual forecast, 30. G. Pritchard-Gordon, at Newmarket. 1½l, 1½l.

2.30 (2.31) MOP SELLING HANDICAP (2-y-o: £436: 7f)
Cosy Rosie, b or br f, by Jolly Me—Roses Leader (D. Ancil), 8-12 .... C. Moss (8-13 fav) 1
As I Wish .... G. Starkey (14-1) 2
Braemore .... W. Carson (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Quite Frankly, 25-1 Star Lady (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 12p; dual forecast, 52p. D. Ancil, at Banbury. ¾l, 5l.
The winner was bought in for 850 guineas.

3.0 (3.1) ANN HATHAWAY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,164: 2m)
Albeni, ch f, by Great Nephew—Alsaga (Mrs M. Garnett), 9-5 .... W. Carson (13-8 fav) 1
Indian Bird .... B. Marquis (15-2) 2
Caraquenga .... B. Taylor (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lobela, 7-1 Keynsham, 9-1 One-Cal (4th), 20-1 Simbirsk, 33-1 Crobury. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 11p, 20p, 34p; dual forecast, 88p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 2½l, 2½l.

3.30 (3.34) QUEEN BESS STAKES (£1,112: 1m)
Rifle Green, ch f, by Scottish Rifle—January (J. Dunlop), 3-8-6 .... W. Carson (6-1) 1
Another Chaptor .. M. Stroud (33-1) 2
Flying Optician .... G. Baxter (4-1 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Black Minstrel, 9-2 Oula-Ka Fu-Fu, 15-2 Dubois, 8-1 Graf Metternich (4th), 14-1 Sunday Morning, 16-1 Gold Bar, Ninive, 33-1 Alleons Gift, Old Fleece, Pargold, Spanish Handful, Yossarian, Rodalan, Roolla. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 20p, 56p, 33p; dual forecast, £13.09. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 1½l, sh hd.

4.0 (4.1) PRINCE RUPERT HANDICAP (£1,054: 5f)
Jack Fox, b c, by Porto Bello—Pertelot (H. Betteridge), 3-9-9 .... W. Wharton (10-1) 1
Philogyny .... B. Taylor (11-1) 2
Djollaba .... G. Baxter (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 jt fav Comtec, Brians Star, 8-1 Ascot Blue, 10-1 Brexon, Ratamataz, 11-1 Graceful Boy (4th), 12-1 Pangiima, Peaceful River, Model Soldier, Sicasmita, 14-1 Night Owl, 16-1 Haberdasher, 20-1 Careless Princess, 25-1 My Eagle, 33-1 Lady Elton, Civic Commotion, Lady of the Night. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.21; places, 33p, 48p, 22p, 14p; dual forecast, £2.10. W. Wharton, at Melton Mowbray. ¾l, 3½l.

4.30 (4.33) MARKET SQUARE STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maidens: £719: 5f)
Can We Go, ch c, by Portobello—Sweet Surprise, (F. Moore), 9-0 .... J. Lynch (9-4 fav) 1
Lord Scrap .... K. Darley (14-1) 2
Tampa Bay .. W. Carson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Adorit, 7-2 Penombre, 10-1 Benagh, 11-1 Sanskritik, 12-1 Chinese Kung Fu, Captain Courageous, 16-1 Sobieski (4th), 25-1 Jakaroo, 33-1 Alison's Boy, Lons Lad, Gooseberry Fool, Polly Eady, Stockley Tornado. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 27p, 92p, 17p; dual forecast, 25p (winner with any other horse). C. Nelson, at Upper Lambourn. ½l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Albeni and Jack Fox, £22.05. TREBLE: Cosy Rosy, Rifle Green and Can We Go, £27.30. JACKPOT: £2,933.50. PLACEPOT: £16.65.

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2.15 (2.20) AIRY HILL STAKES (3-y-o: £752: 1m)
Coast To Coast, br c, by Young Emperor—Palmada (D. Smith), 8-11 .. L. Charnock (100-30 fav) 1
Florence .... M. Birch (16-1) 2
Gedet .... T. Ives (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Candlerigg Market, 6-1 Alan Rough, 7-1 Camp Road, 11-1 Ann Star, 12-1 Rough Gold, Sovereign Shoe, Warmspun Proof, 14-1 Tudor Scholar, 20-1 Elegant Jill (4th). 12 ran.
TOTE: win, 56p; places, 11p, 47p, 30p; dual forecast, 18p. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 4l, 2l. There was no bid for the winner.

2.45 (2.47) CAPTAIN COOK STAKES (2-y-o: £987: 6f)
Town Sky, gr c, by Town Crier—Pink Sky (Mrs A. Brook), 8-11 .... N. Crowther (11-4 fav) 1
Cannon King .... R. Muddle (6-1) 2
Timarack .... S. Perks (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Manawa (4th), 4-1 Runcorn Ferry, 6-1 Tigertamer, 8-1 Wee Beardie, 12-1 Sallusteno, 20-1 Elderberry, 33-1 River Chimes, 50-1 *Scotch Melody*. 11 ran.
TOTE: win, 51p; places, 28p, 26p, 18p; dual forecast, £2.51. S. Norton, at Barnsley. 1½l, nk.

3.15 (3.17) HANGING STONE HANDICAP (£2,655: 1m 3f)
Border Knight, br g, by Targowice—Bruntlaw (Mrs L. Fraser), 3-8-6 .... B. Raymond (7-2) 1
*Never Say Guy* .. J. Bleasdale (3-1) 2
Robust .... M. L. Thomas (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Leopards Rock, 10-1 Godila (4th), 50-1 Catch Me Up. 6 ran.
TOTE: win, 73p; places, 35p, 31p; dual forecast, 69p. Denys Smith, at Bishop Auckland. 5l, 3l.

3.45 (3.47) SALTBURN STAKES (£2,582: 1½m)
Langness, ch f, by Roberto—Sunward II (R. Sangster), 3-8-7 .... B. Johnson (7-1) 1
Cooling .... G. Duffield (50-1) 2
Martial Game .. P. Young (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Chokwaro, 15-8 Privy Consort (4th), 100-1 Highland Boy. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 83p; places, 34p, 24p; dual forecast, £2.34. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 2½l, ¾l.

4.15 (4.17) BOULBY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,478: 1m)
Northleach, ch c, by Northfields—Macaw (Mrs M. Lequime), 9-2 .... R. Muddle (9-4 fav) 1
Bourgeois .. E. Johnson (10-1) 2
Lady Whitefoot .. B. Raymond (6-1) 3
*ALSO RAN*: 3-1 *Robin Hood*, 8-1 Emerald Rocket, 10-1 Melody Moon, 20-1 Maymoura (4th), Ski Run, Saintly Lady, 50-1 Cross Channel. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 24p, 16p, 35p; dual forecast, £1.37. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. ¾l, 1½l.

4.45 (4.47) RALPH CROSS HANDICAP (£1,461: 6f)
Judicial, b c, by Mummy's Pet—Judiciary (G. Gibson), 3-8-3 .... J. Lowe (6-1) 1
Marching On .... G. Duffield (5-1 jt fav) 2
Love Me Two .. C. Eccleston (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Phyllis Ayres (4th), Classy Dame, 8-1 Peggy Jet, 10-1 Croft Close, 12-1 My Chopin, 14-1 Madame Decoy, River Petterill, 20-1 The Missus, 25-1 Hot Heir, Our Foxbar. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 16p, 19p, 29p; dual forecast, £1.53. N. Adam, at Beeсaby. 1½l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Border Knight, Northleach, £16.65. TREBLE: Town Sky, Langness, Judicial, £34.95.

## Newton Abbot NH

2.0: 1, Merry Meadow (3-1); 2, Chelsea Bar (evens fav); 3, Young Blade (7-2). 6 ran.
2.30: 1, Mouldy Old Dough (7-2); 2, Kinlnvie (25-1); 3, Transformation (4-1). Skryne 5-1 fav. 9 ran.
3.0: 1, Bright Baby (5-4 fav); 2, Machine (5-1); 3, Dark Sky (9-4). 9 ran.
3.30: 1, Sandwilan (7-2); 2, Macs Birthday (9-4), Gummers How, 4-5. 5 ran.
4.0: 1, Master Smudge (evens fav); 2, Philwin (10-1); 3, Octave (16-1). 8 ran.
4.30: 1, Cabin Boy (1-2); 2, Sammy Souza (3-1); 3, A Little Tipsey (33-1). 8 ran.

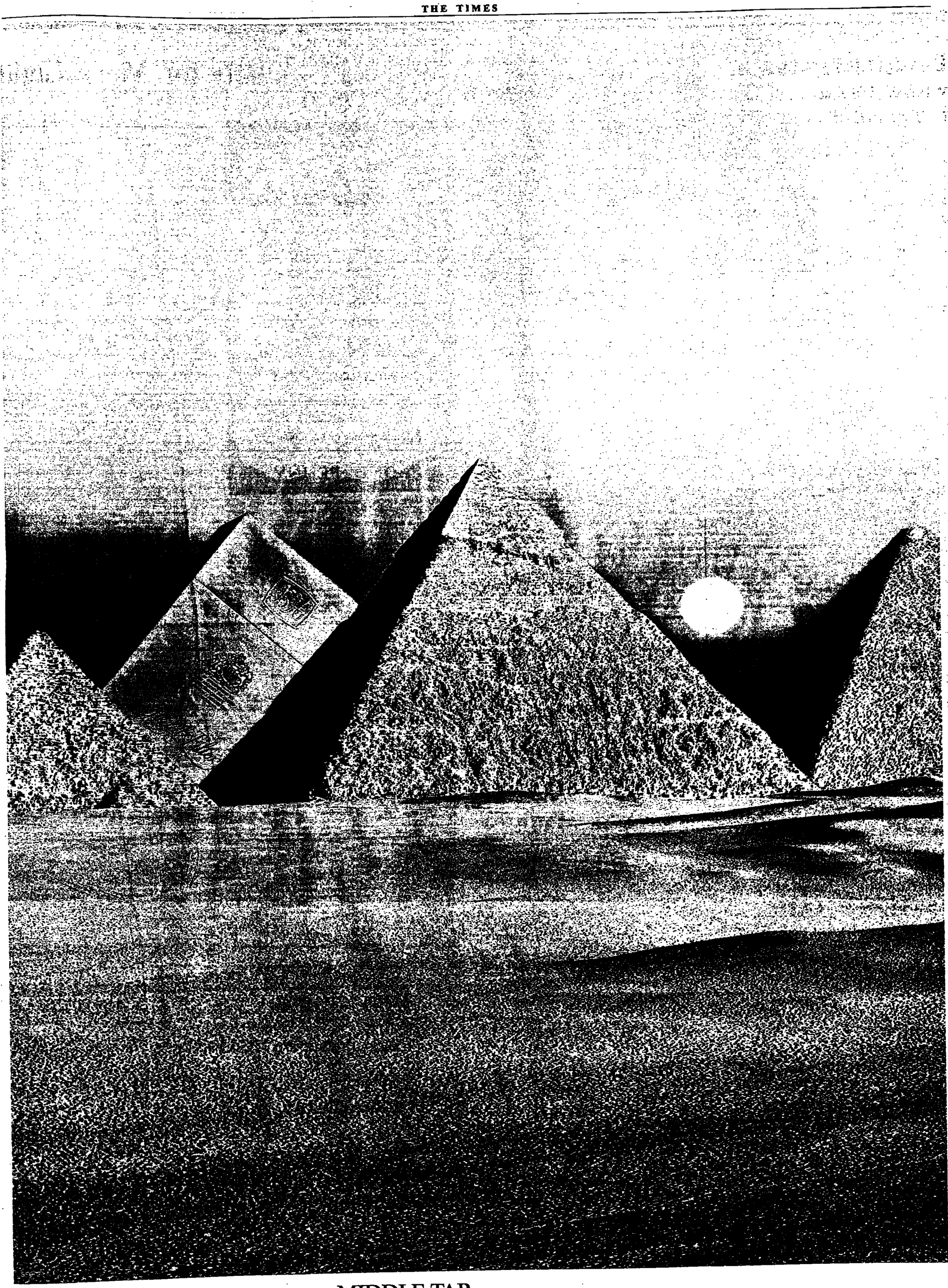
## Plumpton NH

2.15: 1, Techmatic (9-2); 2, Bonidon (11-4); 3, Acrist (20-1). Kellagem and Minigold, 5-4 favs. 7 ran.
2.45: 1, Jan Slewer (10-11); 2, Charlie Mouse (evens). 3 ran. Paddy's Delight did not run.
3.15: 1, Shore Captain (4-11); 2, Sweet Millie (20-1); 3, Jack Jiggs (6-3). 3 ran.
3.45: 1, Tingleda (11-10 fav); 2, Nord (5-1); 3, Kildimo Star (20-1). 6 ran.
4.15: 1, Lyfeview King (11-4 jt fav); 2, Living for Kicks (11-4 jt fav); 3, Hetherderry (11-4 jt fav). 6 ran.
4.45: 1, Jillspirit (8-13); Mount Stephen (5-2); 3, Lady Nevus (13-2). 3 ran.

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# Indonesia: how many good years are left?

Indonesia, the scene of political massacres that claimed the lives of nearly half a million people 13 years ago, appears now to have settled down to a new era of political stability—which should continue for the next five years.

After standing for a third term of office in the elections in March, President Suharto, a quiet pragmatist who believes in economic development rather than demagogic speeches, is firmly back in the saddle again with the support of the Army, the country's only effective source of political power.

And, perhaps more important to stability, the economic prospects of the vast archipelago of 3,000 islands look bright. The economy is expected to grow at a rate of 7 per cent this year while the inflation rate has been reduced to about 10 per cent.

Blessed with huge oil reserves, which account for 70 per cent of export earnings, Indonesia enjoyed a balance of payments surplus of £320m last year.

Actual earnings from oil exports rose by 19 per cent last year to £2,000m, while the value of Indonesia's other export commodities, timber, tin, tea, palm oil, tobacco and rubber, rose by 22 per cent to £1,500m. Although oil production has levelled off during the past three months, Indonesia is expected to achieve another balance of payments surplus, of £130m. in the current fiscal year.

Earnings from liquid natural gas, exported for the first time last year, are expected to rise to £200m by 1980. And economists estimate that Indonesia's gold and foreign exchange reserves will rise to £1,200m this year.

Careful fiscal planning also appears to have tided the economy over a national crisis which erupted three years ago, when the huge state-owned oil company, *Pertamina*, teetered close to bankruptcy. After raising commercial loans to keep the over-extended corporation afloat, Indonesia saw its external debts rise to an alarming £5,000m last year. But earlier this year President Suharto's regime renegotiated the loans on more favourable terms and improved the debt service position for the near future.

Confronted with the prospect that Indonesia's population will grow from 135,000,000 people to 250,000,000 by the turn of the century, the government is making a determined effort to strengthen the country's family planning programme. As a result the population growth rate has been held down to 2.4 per cent.

The country also expects another windfall this year: a record harvest of 17,000,000 tons of rice. As a result, Indonesia will only have to import 1,400,000 tons of rice this year, against the 2,600,000 tons which were shipped in last year.

On paper, then, a relatively rosy picture for a developing country. But Indonesia's economic planners are still haunted by two alarming long-term trends. The first is a decline in the production of oil, the life-blood of Indonesia's economy, expected in the early 1980s, coupled with a rise in the domestic consumption of oil.

The significance of oil to the Indonesian economy can be appreciated by the fact that it acounts for nearly 70 per cent of gross export earnings and half of government revenues.



President Suharto

Disenchanted with the terms of government contracts, foreign oil companies have slowed down their exploration activities in Indonesia and very few new fields are expected to come on stream in the next few years, to replace dwindling reserves of existing wells. "Oil exploration has picked up again but Indonesia's balance of payments could slip into deficit the year after next because of the hiatus in oil exploration", one western diplomat predicts.

According to the calculations of major foreign companies, Indonesia can only expect to receive 100,000 barrels of oil from new fields over the next two years. But domestic consumption is rising by 14 per cent a year.

Indonesia's economic planners are also somewhat disturbed by the fact that the world demand for oil is declining, due to the increased production in Alaska and the North Sea. More alarming still is the fact that Indonesia's major market, Japan, is likely to purchase more and more oil from China in the near future.

The other major spectre which is haunting Indonesia is a growing gap between agricultural production and consumption. At present the growth rate of agricultural production is a mere 3.5 per cent, while the population explosion has pushed consumption up by 7 per cent.

At the same time no viable industries have been developed to offset the potential decline in oil exports in the distant future. Earlier this year President Suharto warned the nation that the government's development budget had accounted for 60 per cent of domestic development projects in the past but that this margin would decline to 40 per cent in the future. "I doubt whether private investment can fill the gap," a western business leader said.

Indonesians also admit that they face another major problem in the future: the undue concentration of wealth in the capital of Djakarta and the fertile but crowded region of western Java. "The average size of the holdings of the poor are dimishing all the time and I doubt whether development spending assists the lot of the bottom 40 per cent of the nation," said a western diplomat.

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Sheila Black heralds the launch of a new daily that will be chasing a younger readership than the Sun or Mirror. The fight will be fierce

# The new Star rising in the north

The *Daily Star* will be born on the *Daily Mirror's* 75th birthday *on Tuesday, November 2, purely* by accident as it transpires, because the printing machines are busy with colour on the natural day of birth, a Monday.

It was on Monday, November 2, 1903, that the *Daily Mirror* emerged as "The First Daily Newspaper for Gentlewomen", mixing accounts of marriages in society with fashion, gossip and a curiously gentle news reporting, like when one or two ladies were taken to task for arriving late for skating after the season at Queen's ice-rink had begun.

The pictures were engravings of a kind, the sports news suitably thin, though Queen's Park Rangers and Fulham got their mentions, and the whole editorial tenor was definitely genteel.

It was heralded by a heavy promotion in feminine-appeal journals to the extent of £750. The *Star's* boost will cost £750,000 on commercial TV and radio in the first three weeks of the launch alone and in areas covered only by Granada, Yorkshire, Tyne Tees and ATV networks. Estimated sale in that region is to be 1.25m copies, but it is hoped readership will run to 4,000,000 copies.

Hope must be the watchword, with the *Sun* and *Daily Mirror* already firmly in the same market, which makes it difficult to see how the *Star* can readily achieve its aims. True, the *Mirror* will be 75 years old and the *Sun*, discounting its *moribund period with IPC, ten* years old (their readerships are respectively 3.1 and 3.2 readers per copy but sales are almost neck and neck with near 4,000,000 copies, the *Sun* being just ahead).

Nor can one discount the *Daily Express*, now very much down-marketed and selling about 2,500,000 copies, for it seems to be every bit as much a rival as the *Sun* and the *Mirror*, there being little to choose between the appearance of them all on the bookstalls. It is almost certainly too late to up-market the *Express* into the *Mail* sector once more.

The fight, therefore, is going to be fierce, and it is especially a fight for the C1, C2, D and E readers.* These demographic groups, as marketing cognoscenti describe them, are based loosely on the earnings of the head of the household, but wise *marketing experts* are well aware that household full of C and D groups may well be a big spending one.

One high-income breadwinner can hardly fill the house with products, or afford leisure pursuits for his dependants, on the same scale as the pooled or combined resources of a family of wage-earners, each earning substantial take-home pay.

Advertisers, therefore, are in plentiful supply for the CDs, and particularly so in the north and Midlands where as few as 13 per cent of earning homes—as distinct from all homes which include some with unearned income—are in the AB markets. More than half, 56 per cent to be exact, are either C1s or C2s while nearly a third (32 per cent) are DE homes.

The *Star* is aiming for 5 per cent of the ABs, presumably as a second paper, and for 58 per cent of the Cs together with 37 per cent of the DEs. If the statistics sound dry, let us lace them with profiles of *Sun* and *Mirror* readerships.

The *Sun*, despite the current absence of a northern printing centre (soon to be rectified) and the lack of final football or other sports results, captures 5 per cent of ABs, 55 per cent of the Cs and 40 per cent of the DEs. The *Mirror* is slightly more U with 6 per cent ABs, but similar in the C market with 55 per cent and DE homes with 39 per cent. By comparison, the *Mail* and even the *Express* are distinctly upmarket.

Surveys and statistics collected by Express Newspapers are culled from television surveys, since the paper is to be heavily promoted on the small screen, from National Readership Surveys and from media measurements. There is, however, more than a strong dose of optimism to sugar-coat the pill of pure statistics for the *Star* is determinedly chasing a younger audience than either the *Sun* or *Mirror*.

Indeed, it hopes to draw readers from among those who possibly never, or at best rarely, buy newspapers at all and its marketing men have therefore presented their package to advertisers in a somewhat conservative manner, with all the forecasts, even the optimistic ones, based on the promise that the *Star* can and will succeed without ever taking sales from the rivals *Sun* and *Mirror*.


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That is commendable in that it imbues advertisers with confidence, but neither the *Sun* nor the *Mirror* take the same view and both will be fighting back and promoting heavily, too. That old phrase, so much repeated when Murdoch's *Sun* was launched, is back and people are talking about the *Mirror* and *Sun's* soft underbellies. How soft is soft?

It may be logical enough to suppose that youngsters, with their craving for "new", may flock to the *Star* and help it achieve the hoped-for youth audience but there is also the fact that the young of today have firm opinions of their own and the money to indulge them.

The *Star* will need to be right on target, whatever that target may be. Edited and sub-edited by young men, the *Star* may succeed, for the young tend to be fickle but fickleness carries its own dangers and can soon turn to disloyalty, thus forcing the *Star* to greater costs to hold a position.

Initially, the *Star's* great disadvantage seemed to be its price—cheaper papers may please readers but they carry no glamour with the distributors who work on percentages of the cover price, and who would rather push an 8p paper across the counter than one at 7p and certainly than one at 6p, as the *Star* is to be.

Express Newspapers, with its eyes wide open, is tackling that problem by giving away the same cash discount as for the dearer papers, That way lies danger for it is rarely possible to take away what has once been given and, although cash margins are not the same as percentage margins, middlemen are quick to count their revenues *and may well insist on* similar percentages for more expensive *Star's* as for the cheaper, launch model.

As the *Star's* price rises (and what prices do not?) the burden will grow heavy. Meanwhile, wholesalers and retailers love the newcomer and will be selling enthusiastically.

Advertisers are always a shade more cautious, despite their early willingness to jump aboard the expensively-promoted showboat. Mr Geoffrey Gridland, chairman of Garrott Westbourne in the Dorland, Crawford group, reported his view, and those of many of his colleagues in this major group, as being "fairly optimistic". "If they can appeal to their launch region, then they ought to get excellent advertising support, especially as the competition constitutes much more expensive media like national papers or the larger, successful regional press which has a distinctly expensive page rate compared with the *Star's* rates. The editorial must be right and we have every reason to believe it will be."

I asked Mr Cridland about the proposal to launch a *Star* in Scotland and the Southern TV areas. "I think it would probably need to follow the same kind of pattern," he said. "It would have to be, edit ally, strongly regional in w ever area it sells, giving it something the national ener have not got."

So might we have a northe southern and Scottish *Star* three different papers? It not beyond the bounds of pc bility.

Express Newspapers ori ally planned to launch in borders of Scotland during latter part of this year and move south next January thereabouts, but a wise natural caution has now alm certainly postponed any furt *Star* editions until next spri The start can be looked on a test marketing, and if t sounds like the way a groc product is launched, the m phor is intentional for the S is being marketed just though it were a can of be or a new threat to the inst coffee brand leaders.

The *Star* gets a headstart being printed in Manchester, far from new but reliable equ ment and with, *so far, prod* tion staffs who have r plagued their employers w the troubles that are constan hitting national papers. T financial capital investment therefore negligible and th makes the *Star's* high start costs look rather better th would otherwise be the case.

Success or failure, large bolstered by the marketing a underwriting enthusiasms, ski and strength of Express New papers, lies mainly with th editorial appeal, of whic advertisers and readers will boo be critically appraising.

Meanwhile, advertisers wi profit from extra print runs an big promotions to get the pape into every possible consume corner while consumers then selves will benefit all roun from the war.

The *Star* has a major even on its side. The night it goe to press is the night of th European cup final—a cu final involving only northern clubs.

● *The broad social status groups are as follows: A, upper middle class; B, middle class; C1, lower middle class; C2, skilled working class; D, work ing class; E, those at lowest levels of subsistence.*

**Bernard Levin**

# How to create an Unperson, the Kruger way

"Whereas I. James Thomas Kruger, Minister of Justice, am satisfied that you engage in activities which endanger or are calculated to endanger the maintenance of public order, I hereby, in terms of section 10(1)(a) of the Internal Security Act, 1950, prohibit you for a period commencing on the date on which this notice is delivered or tendered to you and expiring on. . . ."

Thus begins the notice of banning that, in South Africa, is served upon those whom the authorities wish to crush, silence, intimidate, harass or simply persecute, but who have never engaged in any action that could bring them within even the immense range and width of the laws designed to prevent any serious opposition to the policy of *apartheid* and the system of brutality, oppression, corruption, violence and ultimately murder which exists to sustain it. Yesterday, I recounted the history of the system and its legal basis; today, I want to describe exactly what happens to an individual when he or she is banned.

That is not at all an easy task, because there is a wide variety of kinds of banning; since the Act under which banning orders are made is couched in terms which give the Minister of Justice almost limitless powers over his victims, the shirt of Nessus can be tailored to almost any shape. But broadly, a ban involves a basic prohibition on attending (I now quote the words of an Order):

(a) Any social gathering, that is to say, any gathering at which the persons present also have social intercourse with one another.

(b) any political gathering, that is to say, any gathering at which any form of State or any principle or policy of the Government of a State is propagated, defended, attacked, criticized or discussed;

(c) any gathering of pupils or *students assembled for the* purpose of being instructed, trained or addressed by you.

That decree (I shall come to the meaning of "gathering" in due course) may be accompanied by an order for restriction to a particular area or locality, or to a particular dwelling—ie, an order for house arrest. A common form of the Order imposing the latter runs (after a similar preamble) as follows:

I . . . prohibit you . . . from

(1) absenting yourself from—

(a) the residential premises at [the victim's address]—

(i) at any time on any Sunday or public holiday;

(ii) at any time on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday which is not a public holiday, except during the period commencing at six in the forenoon and ending at six in the afternoon;

(iii) at any time on any Saturday which is not a public holiday, except during the period commencing at six in the forenoon and ending at two in the afternoon.

So much for where the victim must stay and the times during which he or she must stay there (there have, of course, been cases of 24-hour house arrest, under which the victim could *never* leave home, but this has not been used for some time now); next, the Order states, no one may visit the house-arrested person except a doctor for medical reasons; then, the Order lists the places a banned person may not go to during the hours he or she is permitted out of doors. It includes any Bantu, Coloured or Indian area of any kind (most meticulously and exhaustively defined), educational establishments, factories, courts of law except in the capacity of plaintiff, defendant or witness, and buildings where any kind of publication is printed, published or edited.

In addition, no communication of any kind, even a private letter on family matters, or indeed a birthday-greetings postcard, is permitted with any other banned person.

Then, however, comes the real meat of the Order, the purpose for which the banning system was devised. The victims are to be persecuted, their spirit if possible broken, their lives made unendurable (there is a practice, indulged in by the police, among others, of making threatening telephone-calls during the night to banned victims, quite apart from the official methods of applying pressure by repeated searches of the victims' homes and harassment or arrest of their visitors); but that is not enough. The object of the state's enmity must be made, like the parallel Soviet victims in the parallel Soviet system (how perfectly a man like Kruger would fit into the apparatus of Soviet tyranny, and how easily one like Andropov would take to the South African variety!), an Unperson. So first there is a prohibition on:

(a) preparing, compiling, printing, publishing, disseminating or transmitting in any manner whatsoever any publication. . . .

(b) participating or assisting in any manner whatsoever in the preparation, compilation, printing, publication, dissemination or transmission of any publication. . . .

(c) contributing, preparing, compiling or transmitting in any manner whatsoever any matter for publication. . . .

(d) assisting in any manner whatsoever in the preparation, compilation or transmission of any matter for publication. . . .

You would think that having prohibited the victim from publishing anything or in any way preparing anything for publication, and also from contributing, or assisting in the contribution of, any matter which somebody else might publish, the authorities might feel they had done enough. Not a bit of it: they then go on to prohibit the victim from:

preparing, compiling, printing, publishing, disseminating or transmitting in any manner whatsoever any document (which shall include any book, pamphlet, record, list, placard, poster, drawing, photograph or picture) which is not a publication within the meaning . . . above, in which, inter alia—any form of State or any principle of policy of the Government of a State is propagated, defended, attacked, criticized, discussed or referred to . . .

Students of the forms of persecution used by the Soviet authorities against dissidents there, and in particular those who want to emigrate, will understand immediately why an Order apparently prohibiting any kind of writing must be extended in that fashion. The point is that the first set of prohibitions (the second one goes on into further varieties, incidentally) would not catch a private letter, whereas the second one would. I have before me the opinion of a sympathetic South African lawyer who, asked to advise on the interpretation of a banning order, says that that last section:

may well mean that Consultant could not write to a friend in England asking whether it was likely that the rate of English Income Tax would be raised.

But even that does not exhaust the determination that a banned victim shall vanish from the face of the earth, silent and invisible. The final knot is tied with a prohibition applying not to the victims, but to everybody else, and with that matter I shall begin, on Friday, my third and final column of the week on this subject.

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# TASHKENT DIARY

## Land of heroine mothers and green tea

You could be anywhere in the Middle East. Backgammon dice click against a background of oriental music, fountains play in the city squares, the air is soft with the fragrance of roses mixed with dust and some rather less attractive smells, close-cropped children pleading for chewing gum, scamper afrer tourists and in vine-shaded courtyards old men sip green tea and recline on large square beds.

Only the inevitable red and white slogans, statues of Lenin and portraits of Mr Brezhnev, as well as the grey and red uniforms of the police tell you immediately you are in Soviet territory. Uzbekistan with its 14 million people is where the Soviet system meets the Oriental climate and way of life.

This is the old frontier land of the Russian Empire, where only 80 years ago Russian colonial governors were just consolidating their hold on the Tsar's newly conquered territories in central Asia. Uzbekistan was part of the larger Muslim region known as Turkestan. Emirs in three old cities—Khiva, Bukhara and Kokand—ruled in feudal splendour and backwardness. Runaway slaves were nailed by their ears to the city gates. The last public executioner in Khi, who operated with a simple sabre, died after a long retirement—in 1967.

Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan, does not have the historic associations or the gruesome history of the other large towns in the republic. Here all is *new*, planned, Soviet. The city was made the capital only in 1930 when the authorities found the monuments of Samarkand too constricting to allow future growth.

And since the devastating earthquake of 1966 which razed the city centre, Tashkent is being cleared of the traditional mud daub buildings and transformed into a modern economic and administrative centre, with a new airport, tourist hotels and block upon block of *high-rise apartments*.

The building boom shows no sign of stopping. Tashkent now has nearly two million people, and planners estimate another million by the end of the century. This is from natural increase, not immigration from the countryside. Uzbekistan has one of the highest birth rates in the Soviet Union. The average family has seven or eight children. "Heroine mothers"—those with 10 children or more—are found aplenty.

The city authorities, far from trying to curb this growth rate, are delighted. Tashkent, like other Soviet cities, is short of labour.

Though there are pious hopes that some of the new generation will move north to Siberia where labour is more urgently needed, nobody expects Uzbeks to leave their sunny climate for the frozen wastelands without powerful incentives.

The birthrate does cause difficulties for the housing authorities. Unlike their counterparts in European Russia, planners here build many flats with five or six rooms for large families and if the family still cannot squeeze in they are allowed to spread into the flat across the corridor.

Tashkent planners are already shaping the city they foresee in the year 2010. All the centre will be parks and open spaces because the scientists decided this was the most active seismic zone. There are grandiose plans for underground stores and garages. But so far the practical signs of the new green city are bulldozers at work on the old quarters and some vast empty squares where there is room for the entire city to march past on May Day.

Cotton remains king in Uzbekistan. In Tashkent and all over the republic the magic number 5,700,000 can be seen emblazoned on the sides of buildings, strung across the roads or adorning the entrances to collective farms.

This is the planned tonnage for this year's cotton crop. It is a figure that must be reached and if possible surpassed. It has been said that Uzbekistan could make a fortune growing fruit and vegetables if it were allowed to. But central planners have decreed that cotton is more important and field upon field blossoms in the warm autumn.

In spite of some healthy statistics boasting the use of mechanical harvesters, old women can still be seen labouriously gathering the precious fluff. In all the collective farms, picturesquely named "Marx", "Engels", "Lenin", "Communist", and so on, vast white stacks the shape of houses wait for transport to the cotton gins.

Though industry has grown, the more recent boom is in tourism. Uzbekistan has a wealth of Islamic historical monuments which are worth their weight in foreign currency. Though the summer is fearsomely hot, this does not deter British and American tour groups who make Tashkent the jumping-off point for a central Asian excursion. The Japanese, an Intourist guide observed, more sensibly prefer the spring. The Germans come all year round.

The best time is really the autumn. In mid-October the temperature is still in the 70's and the markets are full of ripe melons. The problem is that the Russians all know this and it is virtually impossible to find an aircraft seat from Moscow on any flight south. Even when you have your seat, you can spend half your holiday in best Heathrow style waiting for the aircraft to arrive. Delays of up to 10 hours are not at all uncommon and the hundreds who wait at Moscow's Domodedovo airport—which serves the south and east—have a perpetual look of tired resignation.




The autumn is also prime conference time. When Moscow is cold and rainy, international symposia need no persuasion to adjourn to Tashkent. In this past month about half-a-dozen have deliberated in Central Asia: health scientists in Alma Ata, environmentalists in Turkmenia, musicologists in Samarkand, molecular biologists in Tashkent, where a conference of Afro-Asian writers has also just finished.

Tourists should not be surprised to see Nobel prize-winners Dorothy Hodgkin and Linus Pauling posing with a group of fellow scientists amid the blue-tiled monuments on their day off from scientific papers.

Uzbekistan was carved out of the old Asian empire as a homeland for those that speak Uzbek, a language akin to Turkish. But the peoples of this region are so mixed up that almost as many can be found who speak Tadzhik, Turkmen and other Asian languages. In Bukhara, a town of 165,000, there are 80 different nationalities.

Russians swarmed south in a wave of emigration earlier, and Russian is much in evidence in Tashkent. It is also the language to learn if you want to get ahead. But schools teach in all the minority languages.

The republic does not demonstrate the fierce nationalism of Georgia or Armenia, perhaps because the contrast between the feudal past and the present Soviet way of life is so much more striking, and social progress more measurable. However, it is an area that has a strong pride in its past, which Soviet authorities are discreetly encouraging.

It was a shame to leave the Soviet Union's smiling sunbelt and return to dour, political Moscow.

**Michael Binyon**

*Michael Binyon's diary from Samarkand will be published on Friday.*

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# HE LESSONS OF LUXEMBOURG

is week's meeting of EEC ance ministers at Luxembourg s been of considerable import- ce in the history of the con- uing pressure for European netary union. That history, er since the summit meeting The Hague in 1969, has been rked by an evident political sire for the end represented monetary union, combined th an equally evident political illure to will, or even to under- nd, the means to that end.

Before the Luxembourg meet- g it appeared that Mr Healey d the British delegation repre- nted the minority that was rreptitiously and ineffectively ying to sabotage the Franco- erman initiative to move grope's exchange rates on to a ore stable "currency grid" stem. After the Luxembourg eeting it is clear that the lack common purpose and analysis much wider. It is now almost rtain that a new system will ot be agreed in time to be troduced from January 1 next. nd Mr Healey can justly say at it is not the British Govern- ent's fault if this deadline can- ot be met.

There is nothing new in the nalysis of the central problem. : is that exchange rates are a function of market forces, which are dominated by national economic and monetary performance. More stable exchange rates are desirable both in terms of higher rates of real economic growth and in terms of lower rates of inflation. More stable exchange rates, however, are the product of converging national monetary and general economic policies. They can never be the product of technical gimmicks in the realm of central banks and foreign exchange market intervention.

Nothing underlines this fact more than the weekend revaluation of the German mark. Even within the present small club of "snake" members operating a "parity grid", countries whose economies are quite closely interrelated, the German authorities have been forced to intervene to an extent which began dangerously to inflate the domestic German money supply and were finally forced to concede a revaluation of the mark.

The argument before Luxembourg had centred on where the main obligation to maintain the new, fixed exchange rates should lie. Should it be with all currencies to maintain their position in relation to the average? Or with the weaker currencies to keep in step with the stronger? Or in some unclear compromise between these two positions, put forward by the Belgians? This arcane argument, however, covers the fact that absolutely fundamental questions of national economic policy are involved. For if one system is adopted rather than another it means that one country rather than another is forced by outside factors to make radical adjustment to its internal economic policy. Politicians know that, if the problem is posed in these stark political terms, primitive chauvinism is evoked. There is, however, no burking this issue. It cannot be dressed up as a matter of foreign exchange technicality.

As the position of the dollar progressively weakens as the cornerstone of our international monetary system, so it becomes more important that the economies of the EEC should provide a base for international currency and reserve stability. The hope from Luxembourg is that the realization that these are not mere technical matters will lead to a renewed frontal approach to European economic integration on a more realistic basis.

# SOME HARD KNOCKS FOR MR TRUDEAU

he results of the fifteen anadian by-elections will be nalysed for the likely outcome f next year's general election. he auguries for the Liberals, ho won two of the fifteen, are loomy. They may reflect that on he last occasion when a federal arliament was allowed to run ts full term, the Government ost office. That happened in the iddle of the depression of the hirties. Canada is not now in such straits, but it is passing through a period of "stag- flation" which Canadians feel is unnecessarily more severe than in the United States. The economic indicators, which are usually decisive with voters in democracies, are running inexorably against the Liberals in the little time they have left to recover their fortunes.

Mr Trudeau knows this, but perhaps did not expect such a setback. He had delayed cabinet changes in the hope of being able to freshen the Government's appearance by bringing in new blood. But the loss of Toronto Rosedale to the Progressive Conservatives disappoints his hopes of the services of Mr John Evans, the former President of Toronto University, a Liberal light who was expected to be a "shoe in" for a cabinet post; another disappointment was the failure of Mr Bryce Mackasey, one of Mr Trudeau's close associates who was trying to return to federal politics after Liberal service in the Quebec assembly, in an Ottawa seat which the Liberals had held for fifty years. Mr Trudeau is now hard put to improve his tired-looking team.—already he has two ministers doubling jobs.

The hardest knock to Liberal morale was the loss of Toronto York to the Progressive Conservatives, as it traditionally goes as the nation goes. A general discontent with the Liberal record is suggested by the successes of the New Democratic Party as well as the Conservatives, and by the failure of the Liberals to make their expected win in Quebec from the ailing Creditiste party. The farmers clung to their local form of conservatism. The Conservative victory in Winnipeg was perhaps of similar significance, since that particular constituency contains a strong French Canadian element. It suggests that French Canadians are, in some circumstances, ready to abandon Mr Trudeau. To the Federal picture must be added the recent overthrow of the Liberal government in Nova Scotia by the Conservatives. It remains to be seen if the provincial elections in New Brunswick (forty per cent French Canadian) and Saskatchewan this week etches the pattern of Liberal unpopularity deeper.

The Progressive Conservatives are understandably elated. The winter holds little prospect of returning prosperity, though unemployment has fallen this month. Inflation, at a rate of around nine per cent, is marginally higher than the current British rate—but not after successful efforts to reduce it from a still higher figure. The Canadian dollar may go lower yet, as the weight of debts and other services eats deeper into the not very buoyant export surplus. The Conservatives may well think their message of retrenchment and reform is going down well when they can take a seat in Ottawa from the Liberals, despite their pledge to abolish 60,000 civil service jobs (nationwide) against the Liberals' proposed cut of 5,000 only.

But Mr Clark has not overdone his triumph. In the first place he knows that by-elections are a traditional way of expressing discontent without actually exchanging the devil you know for the devil you don't; in a general election many lost sheep return to the party fold. He has, moreover, very proper reservations about the emerging shape of a possible Conservative victory. His party failed to win any seats in Quebec, despite the great efforts he directed there. If the Conservatives should form a government next year, it looks like being exclusively based on English-speaking Canada over against a Liberal opposition almost confined to Quebec, where a secessionist party holds power provincially. Such a polarization would be a tonic to Mr Réné Levesque whose central purpose to take Quebec out of federation seemed to be rebuffed by the electorate in recent opinion polls. Thus the rejection of Mr Trudeau's record could have grave results for Canada. This prospect itself may improve the Liberals' standing as time goes on.

# PRIORITY FOR POLLUTION COMPENSATION

The statistics show clearly that human error is the main single cause of tanker accidents resulting in oil pollution. That cannot be legislated against. What can be done, however, is to ensure that the possibility of committing such error is reduced as far as possible and that, if an accident does occur, its consequences are kept to a minimum. There are three stages at which to take action. At the preventive stage, much is already being done, although more slowly than might be desired. Under the aegis of IMCO, the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation, a number of conventions have been developed dealing with safety and navigation standards and maritime anti-pollution measures. A convention expected to come into force in 1981 will go even further in imposing strict standards to apply to the building of tankers and to the methods used in handling and discharging cargo.

There are, too, a host of bilateral and regional arrangements. IMCO and the Law of the Sea conference are attempting to strengthen the deterrent effect of punitive measures against offenders, partly by giving the port-state greater powers. Improving training of tanker crews—on which IMCO has had a recent conference—is also a high priority.

At the second stage, where the accident has occurred and there is a threat of pollution to the coast, the Department of Trade has drawn up an elaborate procedure, constantly under review, for dealing with emergencies. It does not always work perfectly—the Elena V operation cannot be counted a total success—and there are lessons to be learnt from every incident, but the government cannot be said to be inactive. More resources, of course, would enable that much more action to be taken.

It is at the third stage, where the pollution has resulted in actual physical and financial damage, that the position is least satisfactory. The aftermath of the Amoco Cadiz disaster has shown up some of the complex legal and insurance difficulties in the way of a claimant, who has incurred loss through the pollution, obtaining compensation. There are often four possible countries in which action can be brought—the country where the damage occurred, the flag-state of the tanker, the country where the ship-owners are based, and the oil-company's base. There are also a number of potential defendants, some of whom will not be worth suing and others difficult to get to submit to jurisdiction.

The aim of the international community must be to achieve certainty of compensation to those who have suffered the effects of pollution. One of the ways in which that could be done is to impose strict liability on the company which owns the oil which has caused the damage, whether it was being transported in one of its own ships or on charter, and whatever flag the tanker was flying under. That rule would have the subsidiary effect of placing a greater sense of responsibility on the oil company to ensure that the tankers it owns or charters are in adequate condition and manned by competent crew. Ultimately, of course, the insurance market would bear the loss, and no doubt raise its premiums accordingly. But at least the innocent victims would not suffer.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Do trade unions increase wages?

*From Sir Leonard Neal*

Sir, I have been waiting with considerable interest for the reply of Mr David Basnett, General Secretary of the GMWU, or of some other major trade union leader, to the vital issues raised by Sir Geoffrey Howe in his detailed and authoritative letter to *The Times* (September 28). So far I have been disappointed. For although the questions raised by Sir Geoffrey are central to the interests of trade union members and, indeed, to the political and economic wellbeing of the nation, Mr Basnett, to whom specific reference was made, has apparently chosen to ignore the Shadow Chancellor's letter, and it has been similarly ignored by other trade union leaders.

Sir Geoffrey's letter, which followed an earlier speech on the subject, doubted the claim of trade union leaders not merely to speak for the population as a whole; but also to speak for all their members: it also criticized a number of trade union voting procedures; and questioned whether the political partnership between trade union leaders and Labour politicians meant that the former could misbear or disregard the wishes of their members in order to achieve Socialist objectives.

Even more fundamentally, Sir Geoffrey raised the central issues of whether trade union activity increases—or reduces—real wages, and whether it creates or destroys jobs. I doubt whether there are more important and fundamental economic and political problems than these; they surely merit a reply from Mr Basnett or some other trade union spokesman.

In particular, Sir Geoffrey asked: What is the real authority of the apparently solid union block vote? How far is the total membership consulted before the block vote is cast? How is opposition or abstention recorded? What account is taken of the fact that a large number of union members are not Labour Party supporters?

Sir Geoffrey's final—and most important—question was: Has trade union activity raised living standards, as the unions triumphantly claim? Or has the combined and overall effect of the abuse of their monopoly power—the enforcement of overmanning and other restrictive practices, strikes, strike threats, and the frequently successful attempts to enforce inflationary policies on government—been to reduce the standard of living of the nation below what it would otherwise have been?

If there is only a prima facie case to be answered here, it should be available to us. For the positive contribution that trades unionism could make to creating real employment and real prosperity is enormous. It is one that would be so much more effective than the current stance which appears to be that of laying this responsibility on all other shoulders than their own.

Yours faithfully,
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## An Amnesty appointment

*From the Director of Amnesty International, British section*

Sir, Mr Brian Crozier alleges in his letter (October 12) that the work of Amnesty International is biased in favour of communist countries; and that the appointment as Head of Research of Professor Derek Roebuck, at present the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tasmania and a member of the Communist Party of Australia, will increase this alleged bias.

Careful readers of your own columns, indeed your own Editorials from time to time, will know that every effort is made at all levels of our organization to balance our work geographically and politically.

We are not in possession of adequate information to enable us to comment on Mr Crozier's statement that prisoners of conscience in communist countries outnumber those in "authoritarian" regimes, but it may be relevant to cite one figure which emerges as a practical result of our policy of balance: approximately one third of all individual prisoners of conscience adopted by us are in communist or socialist countries; and our major campaign work taken over a year displays much the same proportion.

On the question of Professor Roebuck's conduct when he joins our organization next year, I can state categorically that the checks and balances in the workings of the research department at our International Secretariat, the painstaking procedures for the selection of staff, the basic groundrules understood and accepted by all employees and the lines of responsibility both of paid staff and elected committee members, make it impossible for anyone, even the Secretary General to suppress information or affect the built-in integrity of our work.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SIMPSON,
8-14 Southampton Street, WC2.

## Chicago boys in Chile

**From Lord Kaldor, FBA**

Sir, There is one feature in the success of the Chilean experiment which neither Mr Congdon (letter, October 16) nor Mr Seers seems to have taken into account. This is that Chile is a dictatorship equipped with secret police, detention camps etc. where strikes are ruled out and the organization of workers in trade unions is prohibited.

It is easy under these conditions to keep wages down and thereby gradually bring inflation to an end. The same is true of South Korea, the other great success story of the "Chicago boys".

And if we take Professor Hayek literally, a fascist dictatorship of some kind should be regarded as the necessary pre-condition (along with monetarism) of a "free society".

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS KALDOR,
King's College, Cambridge.
October 16.

## Future of Times papers

*From Mr Reg Brady*

Sir, Thank you for publishing a letter on October 16 from Lord Chorley, in which he exposes the real purpose of Times Newspapers Ltd, in which he said "Surely that in the absence of comprehensive agreement" no other course of action . . . except suspension . . . "is likely to create the circumstances in which the public interest in assured publication can be ultimately preserved".

He says "agreement within the framework of the Joint Programme For Action or suspension must apply". What he and Lord McGregor have not understood is that Programme For Action was rejected by the members of all printing unions on a democratic vote and will not be any more acceptable by dictat from Times Newspapers Ltd.

People must understand that any improvements within the industry can only come about by consent and agreement. Printworkers are fellow humans and not battery hens.

Yours sincerely,
REG BRADY,
c/o 200 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

## The Tory approach to Rhodesia

*From Mr Julian Amery, MP for Brighton Pavilion (Conservative)*

Sir, Over the weekend reports from Maputo and an article by Mr Colin Legum in *The Observer* have made public the terms of "Option B". Under this the British and American Governments have suggested that a Nkomo controlled Rhodesian government could be accorded international recognition even without preliminary elections! This would seem to confirm the suspicion expressed in your leading article of October 13 that the British and American Governments have now sold out to the Patriotic Front.

Conservative policy, however, as I understand it, remains that we should support selfdetermination in Rhodesia throughout the electoral process. And indeed Mr John Davies's letter of October 14 means—if it means anything—that sanctions should only be lifted if the sixth principle has been fulfilled by means of the general election proposed under the Internal Settlement, with Patriotic Front participation if possible but without it if necessary. Mr Davies's letter, however, seems to overlook that the renewal of sanctions could only make the holding of that election more difficult if not impossible.

Renewed sanctions must encourage the Patriotic Front and the Front Line Presidents to step up their efforts to frustrate the electoral process. The Patriotic Front has already declared that they will murder anyone who dares to vote, irrespective of which way they vote.

Renewed sanctions must also make it more difficult for the security forces to acquire the means—helicopters. Land Rovers, communication equipment, weapons, etc—with which they could protect voters against such intimidation. They must also discourage local guerrilla commanders from coming to terms with the Transitional Government. Out of some 7,000 guerrillas operating inside Rhodesia, about 1,000 have already arranged ceasefire and accommodation arrangements with the Transitional Government authorities. Others have put out feelers to the same end. But they must be expected to hesitate if the whole international community, including a possible next Conservative government, are against them.

Mr Davies also seems to overlook another fundamental consideration. If the sanctions order is passed by Parliament in November, we shall not be renewing sanctions against the Rhodesian Front regime but imposing them on the new multiracial Transitional Government formed last March. That Government has already implemented or is in the course of implementing all of the six principles. Are we really justified in penalizing them? Should we not rather recognize them, as Mr Maudling and well over 100 other MPs have proposed, as the lawful Government not indeed of an independent Zimbabwe but of what was the self governing colony of Rhodesia before UDI.

Recognition of full independence, as Mr Davies implies, should no doubt await a general election. Meanwhile should not the Conservative Party send the Transitional Government a message of hope that there could be a change of policy in Britain within a year? Might it not also be wise to warn the Patriotic Front that their victory is not inevitable and that they could do well to accept the Transitional Government's invitation that Nkomo and Mugabe should join them in Salisbury and help implement the Internal Settlement. The only effective way to do this would be by an official Opposition vote against the renewal of sanctions.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN AMERY,
112 Eaton Square, SW1.

*From Mr Christopher R. Hill*

Sir, Professor Hutchinson's article (October 11) calling on Mr Callaghan to take Rhodesia in hand, himself betrays a surprising lack of contact with the facts of the Rhodesian situation as they appear to the British Government. It may well be, as Professor Hutchinson suggests, that Dr Owen has vacillated and that, if he had been a little less reserved about the internal settlement, it would have had a better chance of success, but there is no reason to suppose that Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe would be any more ready to come to a conference chaired by Mr Callaghan than to one chaired by Dr Owen. Even if they attended such a conference, there is no real evidence that they would give anything more away than they have done already.

Professor Hutchinson seems also to exaggerate the part the Crown can play. It is, of course, true that if strict constitutional legality is observed, the Rhodesian Government will at some stage have to make its submission to the Crown before being granted independence, but the whole thrust of British policy is towards sharing the problem of Rhodesia rather than emphasizing an exclusive British responsibility. This means that any submission to Britain would be more nominal than real (since the peace keeping force which would then be necessary would be international) and for a strictly limited period.

Present Ministers are, to a large extent, the prisoners of mistakes made in 1965. Mr Wilson then threw away the ace of spades by giving Smith information for which he would otherwise no doubt have paid very highly, namely, that if Smith took UDI, no military action by Britain against Rhodesia would follow. After UDI, the British Government made a spectacle of itself by on the one hand employing an absurd rhetoric appropriate to a colonial rebellion, whilst at the same time instructing civil servants, through the Governor, to remain at their posts.

Afterwards British policy was for years bedevilled by the pursuit of incompatible aims—on the one hand to emphasize British responsibility even to the point of using the veto in the United Nations, and on the other hand to internationalize the problem, also through the United Nations. Now at least the Government has realized that it cannot handle Rhodesia alone, that no agreement which excludes the Patriotic Front can be expected to last, and that if it is obliged to send a peace keeping force, it must send it as part of a United Nations mission.

This determination to share the load is of importance, not only in the Rhodesian context, but also in connexion with the even greater problems presented by South Africa. The future of South Africa is primarily a matter for South Africans, but Britain will be expected to play her part in bringing about peaceful change—perhaps a large part, in view of past history and present links. At the same time, it must be a prime British interest to share the responsibility as widely as possible and in particular with her partners in the EEC and with the United States. Thus in current Rhodesian policy it is possible to discern the beginning of a trend which may stretch many years ahead.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER R. HILL, Director,
Centre for Southern African Studies,
University of York,
Heslington, York.

## An ideal state

*From Sir George Heygate*

Sir, Your reviewer Paul Barker (October 5) uses the word "cacatopia" (presumably meaning cacotopia). This information is dubious, to say the least.

He apparently thinks that the root meaning of "utopia" is "a good place". It is not. It is a Latinised form of the Greek ou (not) and topos (place), i.e. "nowhere".

Obviously More was a realist: he knew that the ideal state does not exist.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE HEYGATE,
Willow Grange,
Wissett,
Halesworth, Suffolk.

## Culling Orkney seals

*From Lord Cranbrook*

Sir, On October 14, Dr Barton Worthington described in a letter how after a considerable amount of research a Grey Seals Committee of which he was chairman had estimated that the population was likely to double every ten years. It recommended that in the interest of fisheries the population which bred in Orkney should be reduced by 25 per cent and that could probably best be done by an annual cull of about 1,000 pups, a cull which started in 1963.

Research has continued and a special Seals Research Unit was set up in 1965 and more is probably now known of the distribution, number, population dynamics and general ecology of British grey seals than of any other mammals. A new Seals Advisory Committee of which I am Chairman was set up in 1970 to advise the Minister on the management of seal populations.

We have found that Dr Worthington's Committee was correct in its estimate of the probable rate of increase of an unregulated population, such as that in the Hebrides which is doubling every 11 years, but that they underestimated the size of the necessary cull even to keep numbers stable. The Orkney population has increased from 10,500 in 1963 to 15,000 in 1977.

The Committee therefore advised the Minister that there should be an additional annual cull of 900 adult females with their associated pups for six years in the Hebrides and in Orkney/North Rona in alternate years so that the number of pups born in each group could be counted in the "no cull" years and the necessity of continuing or slowing down the cull decided in the light of those findings.

Grey seals are fascinating creatures: there are few pleasures greater than lying watching them, save perhaps leaning over a gate on a warm summer evening watching rabbits play about as they come out of a wood. If there are too many rabbits and they ruin my corn or sugar beet I have to reduce their numbers. Our fishermen must have the same help.

I am, Sir, Yours, etc,
CRANBROOK,
Red House Farm,
Great Glemham,
Saxmundham,
Suffolk.

*From Mr R. A. Kennedy*

Sir, Within 24 hours of her striking the rocks, it was clear that the spillage from the Christos Bitas would result in the decimation of the Atlantic Grey Seal population in the area. To those on the spot there was a disquieting inadequacy of information released to the nation at large during the first few days of the oil tanker disaster.

The sea has no fences, but official thinking often does. When the gravity of the situation off the coasts of West Wales reaches those in charge of the Orkney seal cull, one hopes it will be cancelled immediately.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. KENNEDY, Curator,
Pembrokeshire Museums,
Dyfed County Council,
The Castle,
Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.

## Lapse in logic?

*From Professor Max Beloff, FBA*

Sir, The new Master of Balliol informs us through your columns that he is worried lest the number of working-class undergraduates at Balliol decline owing to the disappearance of the Grammar Schools; yet the elimination of Grammar Schools is a central plank in the platform of the Labour Party, for which Dr Kenny informs us he always votes.

Is it not surprising that so distinguished a philosopher can be guilty of such a lapse in elementary logic?

Yours truly,
MAX BELOFF,
Principal,
The University College at Buckingham.

## Yorkshire cricket troubles

*From Mr Geoffrey Boycott*

Sir, In June my letter to you publicly declared my intention to play for Yorkshire and England as long as I could maintain my ability. This is still my wish.

Trueman's leak about the invitation by a member or members of the committee to Hutton to Captain Yorkshire made on July 28, 1972, in my second season as Captain, is informative.

Even after Hutton's departure at the end of 1974 my Captaincy continued to be seriously disrupted. I formally discussed this situation with two high officials of the Club in February, 1975; I was assured that action would be taken and this assurance was confirmed in writing. Some action must have been taken because, in relative calm, my young team and I were able to have a splendid season.

However, the disruptive elements reappeared and continued unabated from then on until the culmination at Northampton and my subsequent dismissal from the Captaincy. I believe it was only my century of centuries that saved me from dismissal last year.

My team has never had a chance (and they are beginning to be a real force in County Cricket), for no team can serve two masters and gain success: disruption and success are poor bedfellows.

I sincerely hope, for the sake of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, that its all powerful General Committee will see fit to resolve matters this week so that I can fly to Australia knowing that my efforts to eradicate disloyalty have achieved success.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFF BOYCOTT,
45 Milton Terrace,
Fitzwilliam,
Near Pontefract,
West Yorkshire.
October 17.

## Mr Heath on pay

*From Professor John D. Linswood*

Sir, By quoting Heraclitus against Mr Heath, Bernard Levin (October 13) is making the same error as some of Heraclitus's disciples a couple of generations after his death.

In saying that you cannot step twice in the same river, the master was emphasizing that no entity remains constant in all its particulars from one time to another and the ever changing patterns of a river made a vivid illustration of the point.

Some of his disciples became so obsessed with this insight that they gave up using words altogether because they could never be certain what they stood for. Happily, no such desperate measure is to be expected from Mr Levin—and presumably he would not claim that because a personage called Bernard Levin crossed a river called the Thames in 1978, an event capable of being similarly described cannot occur in 1979.

Bernard Levin (1979) will differ in some particulars from Bernard Levin (1978)—chastened, perhaps—and the Thames (1979) from the Thames (1978), but the statement "Bernard Levin crossed the Thames" will still be a useful statement with discernible meaning.

Equally Edward Heath (1979) will be different from Edward Heath (1974) and the Conservative Party (1979) will be different from the Conservative Party (1974). It may be that changes over time will be such as to preclude the conjunction of leadership between Edward Heath (1979) and the Conservative Party (1979). The tag from Heraclitus gives no guidance on the point.

I don't know if Mr Levin has ever jumped in a river, but for practical purposes I do not see that Mr Heath would be asking the impossible if he invited him to do so again.

Sincerely,
JOHN D. LINSWOOD,
Professor of Classical Humanities,
Tulane University,
Ohio,
USA.
October 13.

*From Mrs V. M. Crews*

Sir, When Mr Heath was elected leader of the Conservative Party I did not vote Tory, as I considered Mr Heath too rigid in his outlook to make a good Prime Minister.

However, after his speech this week at the Conservative Party Conference, if Mr Heath were still leading the party, I would vote Tory at the next election.

We need more politicians with Mr Heath's statesmanlike qualities in both the main political parties, if this country is to have any chance of overcoming its economic problems.

Yours faithfully,
V. M. CREWS,
173 Village Way,
Beckenham,
Kent.
October 12.

## By rail in France

*From Mr Roy Plomley*

Sir, I was interested to read (October 16) the letter from the spokesman for French Railways in defence of compostage, and to note that in future the system will be explained in English; but he does not mention the matter which inspired this correspondence, the return of the 40 francs which I was so unjustly fined.

However, I am happy to report that my money has now been recovered. With regret, I must add that its return does not appear to have been in response to my own protest, but because a distinguished French citizen, whom I happen to know and who was nearly as angry about the incident as I was, interceded on my behalf, obtained the money from the SNCF and has forwarded it to me.

The matter having thus ended reasonably satisfactorily, I shall continue to spend my holidays in France, and promise to be an exemplary composteur.

Yours faithfully,
ROY PLOMLEY,
91 Deodar Road,
Putney, SW15.
October 16.

## Opening the Higher Avon

*From Mrs J. B. Priestley*

Sir, A Private Bill to open the Higher Avon to navigation is ready for presentation to Parliament. It relates to a scheme devised by Mr David Hutchings and his Higher Avon Navigation Trust to make a second link between Stratford-on-Avon and the Grand Union Canal. The construction of locks and weirs, dredging, bankworks and other potent changes are involved.

This stretch of the river has never been fully open to navigation, a fact distinguishing it sharply from the Stratford Canal and Upper Avon route successfully restored in the recent past. It is a much varied little waterway with shallows, cliffed banks, islets, willow swamps, floating lily mats and a correspondingly rich variety of birds, beasts and fishes.

Should this surviving tract of undisturbed river be prized open, no one denies that during the summer months it will carry a heavy traffic, including long-boats of up to 60 feet and large numbers of those motor cruisers that are as destructive of natural quiet and charm as are their wheeled counterparts.

Nature and countryside conservation groups, ramblers, anglers, canoeists, farmers, villagers and many more are making their special protests. I would like to enter a more general plea.

There lingers among us an old notion that the urge to keep some corners of our land inviolate comes from a privileged and selfish few. I believe it to be as dead as the love of tower blocks (Such an urge might have saved the dodo?).

A feeling that provision for popularized, mechanized amusement has now gone quite far enough affects all society. Here by the banks of Avon even the Midland Council for Sport and Recreation has resolved that for the sake of the present unobtrusive frequenters of the river the "proposed legislation should be opposed".

Surely Mr Hutchings and the Trust should withdraw their Bill. Otherwise can it be doubted that it deserves to fail?

Your faithfully,
JACQUETTA PRIESTLEY,
Kissing Tree House,
Alveson,
Stratford-on-Avon,
Warwickshire.



Guest Column

# Education: a new frontier

Harry Judge of the Department of Educational Studies, Oxford University, contributes this week's guest column

For those who think precisely, centuries and reigns should mean nothing. The Middle Ages, if they ever began, did not end for us in 1485 and nineteenth-century attitudes did not wither at midnight on December 31, 1899. Decades, it might be supposed, have an even more shadowy right to recognition. But it is sometimes useful to talk of Victorian attitudes, or even morality, while shorthand allusions to the 1890s or the 1920s are part of the common currency of conversation.

There are, then, plenty of precedents for squinting around the corner into the 1980s, and this is a particularly useful exercise for those who make a living out of education, are involved in it, have children or pay for the education of other people's children, or employ the products of the educational system. Useful, in a word, for all of us. Things may look very different from a safe distance, say one hundred years from now, but it will be surprising if even then historians and commentators do not remark on the sharp contrasts between the 1960s and the 1980s. It is no use bothering about the 1970s, for they seem to make no sense at all.

The 1960s are already beginning to assume a warm retrospective glow. (The delights of the decade might not have been obvious at the time, but even Renaissance men did not spend all their time hopping about in a frenzy of creative excitement.) The Education Act of 1944 had worked its purposeful way through the counties and boroughs of England. New schools glistened everywhere, and teachers were multiplying (even if their pupils were unable to).

Primary schools became a utopia of open freedom, and everywhere tedious instruction was yielding to purposeful inquiry. More and more young people stayed on at school to relish a sixth-form education. The Robbins report became holy writ overnight, and new universities and polytechnics became part of an empire on which the concrete never set. Government lavishly provided without prescribing, and teachers (from the greatest to the smallest) were left free to teach what and how they chose.

Our own decade has been, in many ways, an ill-tempered commentary upon these hopes and achievements. The progressives—otherwise they would not have been proper progressives—have moved on again to become critics of institutionalized schooling. Perhaps we have too much of it. Social scientists have moderated the easy hopes of their predecessors. Perhaps we expect too much of education. Politicians and employers have complained of the poor return from a massive investment in schooling, at all levels. Perhaps we have given the teachers and their leaders too much freedom. Critics, and not least in local government, have come to resent the assurance with which educational interests have preempted so many resources. Perhaps education has become too big for its boots. All this means that whatever happens next is certainly not going to be a straightforward extrapolation from what happened last.

This is why the image of "peering round the corner" into the 1980s is particularly appropriate. Two things are already happening which will change the direction of educational life. Everybody now knows that the Pied Piper has done his work: there are no longer any children. In 1965, 863,000 were born in England and Wales, but 10 years later, only 602,000.

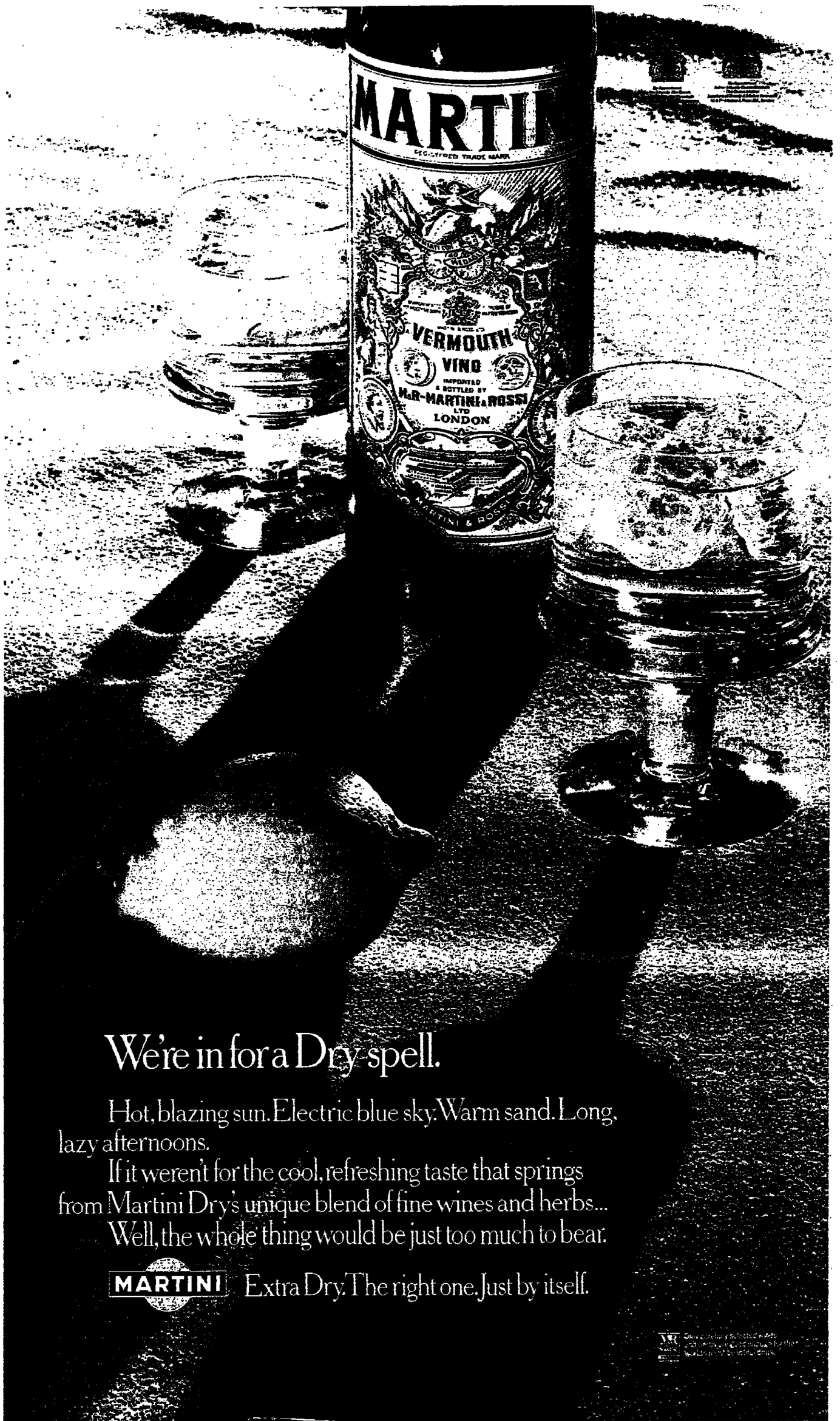
The consequences of a change of that kind are incalculable. Some schools will be half empty; others (but which?) will have to close. Sixth forms will shrink; many of them are already too small. A democracy is much better adapted to dealing with expansion than with contraction or redistribution. The technical problems will be vast, for the contraction will not be even and consistent. Within the overall decline of numbers there will be temporary surges, hitting different parts of the system at different times, and at the end of the decade another period of expansion may begin. For reasons which are entirely novel, power will therefore need to pass from the periphery to the centre. A system going through changes on this scale will survive if it is managed, and crumble if it is not.

The second major change is that, just as there will be no children, so there will be no work. It may not be long, in this country, as in others, before half of the young people leaving school will be unable to find employment. To argue that they could find it if they were better educated is, of course, to distract attention from the real problem. Productivity means fewer jobs, or at best some new jobs of a different kind.

It may be that each of these two problems—no children, and no jobs—can be used to solve the other. This can be done if the relationship of education to the economy can be redefined, or if the frontiers of work, leisure, education and retirement can be redrawn. If there are empty places in the educational system (not just in "schools"), then let them be filled by those for whom work in the conventional sense does not exist. But that cannot mean a simple extension of schooling at the beginn of life. Our best hope ties in the system in which older people move in and out of the educational context—in their thirties and forties—refreshing and re-equipping themselves, and reducing pressure upon the labour market. Some, with a new capacity for leisure, might retire early and not cling grimly to work as the one justification for existence.

This is what is meant by that redefinition of the frontiers of work, leisure, education and retirement, which is by far the greatest task of the 1980s. Only government can achieve it. But government can achieve it only if public attitudes themselves change first. Perhaps they will, but there is not much time.

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## Law Report October 17 1978

Employment Appeal Tribunal

# Acas: importance of impartiality

**Duport Furniture Products Ltd v Moore and Another**

Before Mr Justice Kilner Brown, Mr J. Milligan and Mr D. Lambert [Judgment delivered October 13]

In the first case concerning the role of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service in the context of its relationship with an industrial tribunal, the Employment Appeal Tribunal stressed the importance of maintaining the strict impartiality of Acas conciliation officers when effecting a settlement of a dispute between employers and an employee.

The Appeal Tribunal allowed an appeal by employers, Duport Furniture Products Ltd, from a decision of a Gloucester industrial tribunal last April that an agreement between the employers and the employee, Mr A. Moore, was void and that they had jurisdiction to hear the employee's complaint of unfair dismissal.

Paragraph 26 of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, provides: "(2) Where a complaint [of unfair dismissal] has been presented to an industrial tribunal . . . it shall be the duty of the conciliation officer (a) if he is requested to do so by the complainant and by the employer . . . or (b) if . . . the conciliation officer considers that he could act under this sub-paragraph with a reasonable prospect of success, to endeavour to promote a settlement of the complaint without its being determined by an industrial tribunal . . . (4) Where at any time— . . . (b) before any complaint [of unfair dismissal] has been presented . . . a request is made to a conciliation officer (whether by the employer or by the employee) to make his services available to them, the conciliation officer shall act in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) and (3) above as if a complaint had been presented in pursuance of that claim".

Paragraph 32 provides that an agreement to exclude or limit the operation of the Act is void except, inter alia, in relations to "any agreement to refrain from presenting a complaint [of unfair dismissal] where in compliance with a request under paragraph 26(4) above a conciliation officer has taken action in accordance with that sub-paragraph".

Miss Caroline Alton for the employers; Mr Patrik Eccles for Mr Moore; Mr Henry Brooke for Acas.

MR JUSTICE KILNER BROWN said that the industrial tribunal held that the agreement recorded on form COT 3 did not prevent Mr Moore from presenting a complaint of unfair dismissal. He was disabled—totally deaf—and had difficulty in communicating understanding of observations made to him. He had been assisted by Mr Ross, principal officer of an organization for the deaf. However, in spite of his disability, he was a skilled and intelligent man who had been with the employers for 20 years and who could read and write.

On June 2, 1977, he was arrested on suspicion of theft. When his employers found out he was suspended without pay, and the employers called in an industrial relations officer employed by Acas in an advisory capacity. Subsequently the officer became involved as a conciliation officer. At the end of discussions with the employers, Mr Moore and Mr Ross, the Acas officer filled in form COT 3 stating that the employers would pay Mr Moore £300 in full and final settlement of all claims over the termination of his employment. Mr Ross explained the significance of the wording to Mr Moore, who signed it. When Mr Moore's claim for unfair dismissal compensation came before the tribunal the employers contended that it should not be heard.

Paragraph 26 of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, re-enacting an earlier provision in the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, provided for the functions of conciliation officers. Paragraph 32 also, re-enacting an earlier provision, provided that an agreement to exclude the operation of the statute would be void except in the case of an agreement not to present a complaint of unfair dismissal where in compliance with a request under paragraph 26 a conciliation officer had taken action.

The commonsense of the provisions was that if a dispute between employer and employee could be resolved without an industrial tribunal so much the better.

It was beyond dispute that the officers of Acas had taken over the function of conciliation officers. They fully understood that their role involved being impartial. If either side took the view that an officer was the representative of the other side, conciliation might become impossible. Where there was a settlement recorded by form COT 3 officers of Acas had always assumed that they had carried out their statutory role. It had always been understood by industrial tribunals that the use of COT 3 to record an agreement was the necessary "action" taken by a conciliation officer in accordance with paragraph 26.

His Lordship and Mr Milligan felt considerable sympathy with views expressed by the two lay members of the industrial tribunal, and by Mr Lambert in the Appeal Tribunal, that Mr Moore might have felt that the conciliation officer was not an independent officer but a representative of the employers. Possibly in the special circumstances of the present case the officer might have done more to disabuse the employee of that impression.

It was of fundamental importance that a conciliation officer should not get himself involved in the merits of an agreement. His role should not be misunderstood. He ought never to be put in a position whereby Acas seemed to be in favour of any particular side of industry. His views ought not to be interpreted so as to make it more difficult for him to walk the tightrope which Parliament had stretched.

The Appeal Tribunal unanimously felt that the majority of the industrial tribunal were wrong. The agreement signed by Mr Moore complied with the obligations placed on a conciliation officer. Once it was recorded on form COT 3 the qualifying "action" had been taken by the officer with the result that Mr Moore was not entitled to bring a claim of unfair dismissal before the industrial tribunal. The appeal would be allowed. Leave to appeal would be granted.

Solicitors: Pinsent & Co, Birmingham; Moore, Brown & Dixon, Tewkesbury; Treasury Solicitor.

## Church news

**Appointments**

The Rev R. R. Acheson, Vicar of Much Wenlock with Bourton, priest-in-charge of Church Preen, and Hughley, Kenley, Eathope with Stanton Long and Shipton, to be canon residentiary of Hereford Cathedral and warden of readers in the diocese.

The Rev R. A. Bowden, Rector of Barfield, diocese of Peterborough, to be Rector of Coates, Rodmarton and Sapperton with Frampton Mansell, diocese of Gloucester.

The Rev A. W. Brant, curate of Cove, diocese of Guildford, to be priest-in-charge of Puttenham with Wanborough, same diocese.

The Rev C. K. Buck, Chaplain of St Mary's School, Wantage, diocese of Oxford, to be Vicar of North and South Muskham, diocese of Southwell.

The Rev J. H. Good, curate of Wolborough and priest-in-charge-designate of Exminster, diocese of Exeter, to be also priest-in-charge of Kenn.

The Rev P. J. P. Helyer, Rector of Strood with Westmeston, diocese of Chichester, to be USPG missionary at Tristan da Cunha.

The Rev D. C. James, curate of Goring, diocese of Chichester, to be Anglican Chaplain of East Anglia University, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev K. C. Jarrett, Vicar of St Barnabas's, Edmonton, diocese of Birmingham, to be Vicar of St Mary's, Temple Balsall, and Master of the Hospital of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall, same diocese.

The Rev A. Lewis, Vicar of Naisworth with Inchbrooke, diocese of Gloucester, to be Vicar of Cirencester with Watermoor, same diocese.

The Rev M. C. Lippiatt, curate at Holy Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Jesmond, diocese of Newcastle.

The Rev D. S. Mander, formerly Vicar of Hutis Gate, diocese of St Helens, to be Rector of Lamerton-by-Camelford with Advent, diocese of Truro.

The Rev M. S. Milliken, Rector of Fawley, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar of Cudworth and North Baddesley, same diocese.

The Rev R. J. Stretton, formerly Curate of St Thomas's, Middlesbrough, diocese of York, to be Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Brandon, and St Catherine's, New Brancepeth, diocese of Durham.

The Rev T. Taylor, Vicar of St Leonard's, Penwortham, diocese of Blackburn, to be Rector of Holy Trinity, Morecambe, same diocese.

The Rev R. P. R. Warren, Vicar of St Thomas's, Crookes, diocese of Sheffield, to be also Rural Dean of Hallam.

**Diocese of Carlisle**

The Rev R. D. Greenwood, curate of Ulverston, to be Vicar of Eaton-cum-Newland.

The Rev F. A. H. Tompkins, Vicar of Donnington, diocese of Lincoln, to be Vicar of Sleaford.

**Diocese of Chelmsford**

The Rev D. L. Gardner, a priest with permission to officiate in the diocese, to be priest-in-charge of Ramsden Crays with Ramsden Bellhouse.

The Ven J. H. Moses, Archdeacon of Southend, to be diocesan officer of industry and commerce.

The Rev B. E. Rose, Vicar of St Mary-at-Latton, to be Vicar of Stanstead Mountfitchet.

The Rev O. F. Trellis, curate of All Saint's, Chelmsford, to be Minister of the proposed ecclesiastical district of North Springfield.

**Diocese of Derby**

The Rev C. E. Bance, Rector of Barborough, and the Rev A. C. Robertson, Vicar and Rural Dean of Ilkeston, to be honorary canons of Derby Cathedral, and Canon C. S. Branson, former Rector of Old Brampton and Loundsley Green, and Canon R. H. Craig, Vicar of Alfreton, to be canons emeriti.

The Rev M. F. Collier, priest in charge of Castleton, to be also priest in charge of Hope.

**Diocese of Lichfield**

The Rev W. B. Cooney, curate of Rugeley, to be Vicar of Sneyd Green.

The Rev M. S. Hanton, formerly curate of St James's, Dudley, diocese of Worcester, to be Minister at St Mark's, Sheffield, parish of Walsall Wood.

The Rev B. H. Peel, Vicar of Short Heath, to be Vicar of Longsdon.

The Rev A. C. Sadler, Vicar of Abbots Bromley, to be Vicar of Pelsall.

The Rev J. D. Starkey, Vicar of Freeman, to be also priest-in-charge of Oakamoor with Cotton.

**Diocese of London**

The Rev R. Bence, Vicar of St Mark's, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, to be Vicar of St Augustine's, Highgate, same diocese.

The Rev P. S. Cowen, Vicar of St Paul's, Hastingsley, to be Bishop of Edmonton's Chaplain for Orthodox Relationships.

**Diocese of Peterborough**

The Rev D. Scholey, Team Vicar in the Daventry with Norton Team Ministry, to be Rector of Wootton with Quinton and Preston Deanery.

The Rev T. T. Short, priest-in-charge of Measor, Cumbria, and Youth Officer, diocese of Carlisle, to be Rector of Heyford with Stowe-Nine-Churches.

**Diocese of Oxford**

The Rev R. Hannah, Rector of Shenington, to be priest-in-charge of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton and Rural Dean of Deddington.

The Rev D. M. Tinsley, Rector of North Buckingham, to be Rural Dean and Group Leader of Buckingham.

**Diocese of Rochester**

The Rev A. P. Baker, Vicar of Redland, diocese of Bristol, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Beckenham.

The Rev R. E. E. Marshall, curate of Edenbridge, to be priest-in-charge of Lamberhurst and of Matfield.

Canon P. C. Collins, Rector of Cruxford and Rural Dean of Erith, to be Chaplain of Huggens College, Northfleet.

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# COURT CIRCULAR

*INGHAM PALACE*
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P. L. V. *Mallet* was received idience by Her Majesty and handed upon his appointment itish *High Commissioner* to ia.
Mallet had the honour of received by *The Queen*.
Excellency Mr Hisham m Al-Shawi was received in ce by Her Majesty and pred the Letters of Recall of his essor and his own Letters dence as Ambassador Extrary and Plenipotentiary from epublic of Iraq to the Court James's.
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eneral Sir Frank King had the our of being received by Her esty upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-*Chief* British Army of the Rhine.
Mr D. A. Lovelock (Permanent Secretary and *Chairman of the* Board of Customs and Excise) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.
The Queen was present at a Reception this evening given by the Shrievalty Association at the Skinners' Hall.
Her Majesty was received upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and the Chairman of the Shrievalty Association (Captain *Jeremy Elwes*).
The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Commander Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, *attended by* Squadron Leader Antony Nicholson, arrived at Sculthorpe this evening from Winnipeg in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

*KENSINGTON PALACE*
October 17 : The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, The Educational *Foundation for Visual Aids*, this morning opened Inter Navex '78 Conference, Wembley Conference Centre. In the evening His Royal Highness was present at a Reception given by the Head of the *United Kingdom Offices* of the Commission of the European Communities, Kensington Palace *Gardens*.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.
*The Duchess of* Gloucester was present at the Arts Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel today in aid of *the Royal College of Nursing*.
Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

*YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE.*
October 17 : The Duchess of Kent today opened the new County Police Headquarters at Kempston, Bedfordshire.
Her Royal Highness, who *travelled in an aircraft of The* Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

All tickets for the Queen Elizabeth's *Foundation for the Disabled* annual Oyster Luncheon, to be held on November 15 at the Mansion House, have been sold. It is regretted that no further applications can be accepted.

## day's engagements

Queen holds investiture, uckingham Palace, 11.
Prince of Wales attends orking party meeting of ational Economic *Development* ffice industrial trucks sector, ilbank Tower, 10.30 ; and *ttends charity dinner*, Lakeside ountry Club, Frimley Green, urrey, as Patron of National *ki Federation*, 8.
ncess Anne and Captain Mark hillips attend Horse of the *Year* Ball, Hilton hotel, 8.10.
e Duke of Gloucester, Patron, uffield Farming Scholarship, ttends management council meeting, Nuffield Lodge, Lon*don*, 12.30.
ncess Alice, as Air Chief Commandant, presents WRAF apestry to RAF to commemorate sixtieth anniversary, RAF Museum, Hendon, 5.
e Duke of Kent, President of Chest, Heart and Stroke Associ*ation*, attends association's council meeting, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, 10.45.
*hibitions* : *Frank Pick, prints* nd drawings, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.30.
nshine fair, Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road; in aid of lind babies, 11-6.
mps : British Philatelic Exhibition, Seymour Hall, St Mary-lebone, 10.30-8.
ctures : Turner at Petworth, Tate Galery, 1. Chinese ceramics, *Ch'ing dynasties*, Victoria and Alebrt Museum, 1.15. Fruit in painting, National Gallery, 1.
*ecitals* ; City Music Society, Chilingirian String Quartet, Bishopsgate Hall, 1.05. Clarinet, piano, St Olave's, Hart Street, Eastcheap, 1.05.
*alks* : 1660s—Great Plague and Great Fire, meet Tower Hill station, 11. 1880s—East End *murders*, meet Tower Hill station, 7.30.

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## Latest appointments

The Rev R. A. S. Barbour, Master of Christ's College, *Aberdeen*, has been appointed Moderator-designate of the General Assembly *of the Church of Scotland*.
Professor Barbour, who is 57, was ordained in 1954 and is a former lecturer at Edinburgh University. He will succeed Dr Peter Brodie at the general assembly next May.
Other appointments include :
Sir Leon Radzinowicz, fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, to be Distinguished Visiting Professor of Criminal Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.
Captain Mark Phillips to be chairman of the Gloucestershire Association of Youth Clubs.
Mr A. B. Wilbraham, chairman of North British Maritime, to be president of the International Salvage Union, in succession to *Mr P. E. E. Kleyn van Willigen*.
Mr P. S. Boulter to be Royal College of Surgeons adviser on the training of surgeons for the South West Thames Region, in succession to Mr A. York Mason.
Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Dick who is retiring from the RAF to become secretary of the British Association of Occupational Therapists in January.

## Birthdays today

Sir Alfred Broughton, MP, 76 ; Sir Samuel Salmon, 78 ; Lord Shinwell, 94 ; Mr Pierre Trudeau, 59 ; Dame Janet Vaughan, 79 ; *Major-General J. C. Walkey*, 75.

## Briton and Pole in finals

A Briton and a Pole are the two finalists for the third international conductors' award, which will be *decided tonight* at the Colston Hall, Bristol (our Arts Reporter writes). They are Jonathan Del Mar, son of Norman Del Mar, the conductor, and Tomasz Bugaj, both aged 27.
The winner will be guaranteed £7,500 from 40 concert engagements with the two Western Orchestral Society orchestras. There were 110 entries. The contest is sponsored *this year by Imperial* Tobacco, in association with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.



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**The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Peter Vanneck, presenting, on behalf of the Queen, the Queen's Police Medal to Assistant Commissioner Ernest Bright, of the City of London Police, yesterday, watched by Mrs Bright.**

## Forthcoming marriages

*Mr P. S. Johnson*
and Miss H. B. Davies
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. O. Johnson, of The Firs, Dormans Park, near East Grinstead, Sussex, and Helen, daughter of the Hon F. R. and Mrs Davies, of 39 Parkside, Mill Hill, London.

*Mr J. Featherstone*
and Miss M. C. Sherwood
The engagement is announced *between John, son of Mr and Mrs* David Featherstone, of Croydon, Surrey, and Mary, daughter of *Mr and Mrs John Sherwood, of* Pluckley, Kent.

Mr R. J. Gewolb
and Miss M. J. Long
The engagement is announced between Roger Joel, only son of Mr Harold Gewolb, of Hollywood, California, and Mrs Jeanne Gewolb, of Chicago, and Marilyn Jill, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Long, of Midhurst, Sussex.

Mr A. M. Hedderwick
and Miss M. A. Brandt
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Hedderwick, of Shipbourne, Kent, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Brandt, of Bokes Farm, Hawkhurst, Kent.

Mr J. M. Pearson
and Miss S. P. Jump
The engagement is announced between John Maw, son of Mr and Mrs E. W. Pearson, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Susan Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. A. Jump, of Dormans Park, Surrey.

Mr L. R. Willatt
and Miss M. M. Chalk
The engagement is announced between Lionel, son of Dr and Mrs I. D. Willatt, of Chichester, and Megan, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Chalk, of Bedford.

## Marriages

Lord Brassey of Apethorpe
and Miss C. Evill
The marriage took place yesterday in the chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, between Lord Brassey of Apethorpe and Miss Caroline Evill.

Captain A. N. Harding, RCT,
and Miss D. J. Smart
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 14, at Ampthill Parish Church, between Captain Alastair Nicholas Harding, RCT, only son of Mr A. A. Harding and the late Mrs Harding, of Richmond, and Miss Deborah Jane Smart, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Smart, of Bedford.

Dr J. L. G. Hartley
and Mrs E. J. Harper
The marriage has taken place between Dr John Hartley and Mrs Brenda Harper, widow of Mr Edwin J. Harper, of Lincoln.

Mr G. M. S. Haynes
and Miss M. Rusin
The marriage took place on October 14 at the Church of St Jean Baptiste, Le Plessis Trevise, between Mr Gerald Haynes, son of Mr and Mrs W. R. Haynes, of Bickley, Kent, and Miss Martine Rusin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marino Rusin, of Champigny, France.

## Latest wills

### £75,857 for charity

Miss Olive Burnham, of East Dulwich, left £75,857 net. She left all her property to charity.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid ; tax not disclosed) :
Dormandy, Dr Katharine Marian, of Kentish Town, London, pioneer in treatment of haemophilia £89,192
Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lady, of Putney, London .. £149,965
Joseph, Mr Arthur Douglas, of Hove .. .. .. £737,203
Linsley, Miss Ivy, of Middlesbrough .. .. .. £368,198
Midwood, Mr Dennis Norris, of Alderley Edge, calico printer £209,452
Paul, Mr Digby Henry Dolben, of Walton-on-Trent .. .. £479,726
Rossi, Mr Cyril Philip, of North Walsham, *accountant* .. £300,803
Pope, Dr Herbert Barrett, of Great Ouseburn .. .. .. £152,295
Westrup, Mr Brian Paul, of New Brighton, insurance underwriter £222,307

# Protest at terms of sale of US book collection

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

*Sotheby's outright purchase of a* section of the great book collection formed by Mr Robert B. Honeyman, of California, and their first offering of about a hundred lots in their Bond Street rooms yesterday led to a protest. The *books for sale were identified as* " the property of Sotheby Parke Bernet & Co ".
Mr Charles Traylen, the eminent Guildford book dealer, stood up *as the first lot was announced* and asked the auctioneer whether Sotheby's intended to charge buyer's premium on the lots announced as their own property. Lord John Kerr replied that the books would be sold in accordance with the conditions of sale printed in *the front of the catalogue*. Mr Traylen then stumped out of the room.
*Sotheby's have acquired the* great library of scientific books and manuscripts formed by Mr Honeyman which they intend to disperse in a series of sales spread over four ears. It has been described as the greatest private scientific library formed in the twen*tieth century. The first sale is* scheduled for October 30. The books offered yesterday were included in Sotheby's bulk purchase but are not concerned with science.
Among the high prices Sotheby's got for themselves was the £9,500 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000) for a *poorish but early edition of* Piranesi's great imaginative etchings, the *Carceri d'Invenzione*. It went to the *Galerie Valentien*. *G.* Bookshaw's *Pomona Britannica* of 1812, a compendium of engravings of " the most esteemed fruits " grown in British gardens, made them £7,000 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000), while Quaritch paid £8,500 (estimate £5,000 to £7,500) for *Catherwood's Views of ancient* monuments in Central America, of 1844.
*Other bidders did not follow* Mr Traylen's example and virtually all the lots were sold ; the sale totalled £300,901, with less than 1 per cent unsold.
The most expensive books came from other sources. Breslauer paid £19,500 (estimate £14,000 to £17,000) for what is probably the most beautiful sixteenth-century German illustrated book, Pfintzing's chivalrous romance, *Herr Teurdannckhs*, published in Nuremberg in 1517. The first engraved plates published in China, *Views of the Chinese Imperial Palaces and Gardens*, by Matteo Ripa, a secular priest, dating from 1 13, made £11,000 (estimate £6,000 to £7,000).
The sale included two first editions of Shelley's *Adonais, an Elegy on the Death of John Keats*, published in Pisa in 1821. One in pristine condition, uncut and in original wrappers, made £4,800 ; the other, cut down to two thirds of its original size and rebound, had belonged to Shelley's wife and contained one textual alteration. In spite of its altered condition, *usually* unpopular with book buyers, the romance of its association led to its reaching the the same price.
Christie's offering of icons direct from Russia, on behalf of the Soviet state export agency, Novoexport, proved a fairly modest *foreign exchange earner*. The 28 lots brought the Soviet Union a total of £15,490. The highest individual price was £2,200 (estimate £1,600 to £2,000) for a seventeenth-century " Virgin of Kazan ", with some nineteenth-century restoration and an embossed silver riza dated 1895.
The highest price in the sale was £13,000 (estimate £9,000 to £12,000) *for a large seventeenth*-century Macedonian icon depicting St Demetrios of Thessalonica.
The two-day sale of the remaining contents of Swithland Hall, Loughborough, on behalf of Lord Lanesborough, under the aegis of Christie's South Kensington, *finished yesterday, having made* £123,958 with 4 per cent unsold. The top price of £4,000 (estimate £1,200 to £1,800) was paid for a pair of George III rosewood card tables.
Christie's sale of Japanese works of art made £46,212, with 10 per cent unsold. A paid of very large (77.7cm) late-nineteenth-century Imari vases made £2,800 estimate £1,200 to £1,500).

## Reception

Great Britain—China Centre
*Professor Sir Harold Thompson*, FRS, chairman of the executive committee of the Great Britain—*China Centre*, was host at a reception for a delegation of Chinese librarians led by Mr Liu Chi-p'ing, Chief Librarian of the Peking Library, held at the Great Britain—China Centre yesterday evening. The Chinese Ambassador and Mme Chang Ming and Sir Harry Hookway, Chief Executive of the British Library, were among those present.

## Luncheons

Ministry of Defence
Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron and the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff entertained General L. J. Sumela at luncheon yesterday at Admiralty House. Those present included :
The Finnish Ambassador, Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, General Sir Roland Gibbs, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Colonel P. Jokinen, Captain J. Tikka, Major-General R. A. J. Sturge, Mr E. A. J. Ferguson, Mr J. D. Bryars, Air Commodore J. B. Duxbury, Lieutenant-Colonel P. Nykanen and Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. B. Carthew.

*Royal College of Nursing*
The Duchess of Gloucester attended the arts luncheon held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday in aid of the charitable work of the Royal College of Nursing. The subject of the luncheon was " Treasures of the Orient ". Mr Algernon Asprey presided and the principal speaker was Sir John Plicher. The luncheon also marked the retirement of Lady Heald as appeal chairman of the college, a post she has held since 1950.

British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce
The British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce held its quarterly members' luncheon at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Mr Gordon S. Planner presided. The guest speaker was Mr V. P. Pletnev, Vice-Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Others present were : Mr V. N. Kelin, Charge d'Affaires of the Soviet Union, Mr E. F. Manakhov, Mr V. A. Sobolev, Sir Peter Thorneycroft, Sir Leslie Murphy, Sir Paul Wright, Mr J. D. Im Thurn and representatives of the Soviet Trade Delegation, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department of Trade.

## Dinners

Glovers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual livery dinner of the Glovers' Company at the Mansion House yesterday evening. The Master, Mr Clifford H. Barclay, presided, with the Renter Warden, *Mr H. R. Beakbane*, and the Under Wardens, Mr W. R. Spencer, Mr N. Rayner and Mr B. St G. A. Reed. The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Kidron and Lord Goodman were also present.

Flyfishers' Club
Sir George Baker was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Flyfishers' Club, held at the Savoy Hotel last night. The president, Mr Martin Jukes, presided and the toast of the guests was proposed by Mr Francis Lodge.

## 25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, October 17, 1953
The death of Tom Reece will recall to middle-aged people a very great player and a very great *game which is now almost* completely out of fashion. So little is heard of professional billiards *today in spite of the existence of* such an admirable and comparatively young player as J. Barrie, to mention only one, that one instinctively thinks of the game in a reminiscent mood and peoples it with figures from the past, the youngest of whom, the all-round Willie Smith and Claude Falkiner of the exquisite and delicate touch, though happily yet alive, all too rarely show their skill to the public. Reece was of the generation *before these two*, the contemporary and constant rival of Melbourne Inman. It is the *memory of many afternoons* and evenings of fascinated concentration 30 and 40 years since at Burroughes and Watts's or Thurston's that Reece's name awakens today.

## Science report

# Vision: Photons and the night sky

By the Staff of *Nature*

The light-sensitive cells of the eye are able to respond to individual photons, the smallest units of light, but we do not distinguish single photons when looking at very faint light sources. That apparent contradiction has now been explained by Professor F. W. Campbell and Dr J. Ross, of Cambridge University.
A dim patch of light might be expected to be seen as a series of isolated flashes, singly generated as the eye receives individual groups of photons. But that does not happen. The scientists investigated the phenomena *by observing an* oscilloscope screen on which spots of light, randomly generated by a computer, were projected with sufficient rapidity to appear to cover the screen, although at any one time only one spot of light was present.
As the brightness of the spots on the screen was decreased, the number of spots appeared to increase and at the same time the impression of movement, clearly apparent at high levels of illumination, decreased. What seems to happen is that as the threshold of visibility is approached, the number of light spots discerned on the screen becomes very large, the spots coalesce, and the appearance of motion is lost.
Vision is organized into channels so that information about, for example the size and orientation of objects viewed is processed separately by the brain. Under conditions of low illumination one or other channel may detect a sufficient number of photons to signal the appearance of a flash of light ; there is also *a tendency for channels reporting* a large area of illumination to be preferred to those reporting much smaller patterns of light. It follows that a certain amount of misinformation is transmitted to the brain under such conditions.
Professor Campbell and Dr Ross suggest that there are two reasons why a dimly illuminated surface always appears uniform to the eye, whether it is lit uniformly or composed of random, moving points of light. One is simply the prolongation of the impression made by groups of photons detected in either case, and the other a consequence of the organization of the visual system in which larger patterns of light are preferred to smaller patterns as the total amount of light is reduced. For human observers the effect is fortunate, otherwise at night dim surfaces would dissolve into collections of scintillating spots, and the stars would be obscured among a shower of photons.

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# OBITUARY

## SIGNOR GIOVANNI GRONCHI

### An active and controversial Italian President

Signor Giovanni Gronchi, President of Italy from 1955 to 1962, *died yesterday at the age* of 91.
Under Gronchi, who was the third President of Italy, the country saw the first determined attempt to stretch the powers of the presidency so far that the holder of the office could take an active, executive and decisive part in politics. The experiment ended with the spectacle of a head of state whose whole career had been *that of a left-wing Catholic* politician openly encouraging a Government supported by the extreme right, which was only to be removed as a result of public protest and rioting. He sought re-election after his term of seven years but found little backing.
Gronchi's career was certainly not a failure. Against the most formidable opposition he reached the highest place in the state. He was remarkably successful without leaving any philosophical heritage to the Christian Democratic Party which might well have learnt *a great deal from a man who* refused to cover either his ambition or his leftward slant with the religious mysticism which is part of the party's formal vocabulary and an obstacle to any proper understanding with the non-Catholic left.
He was born at Pontedera near Pisa on September 10, *1887. He recalled that his childhood* was "somewhat sad and difficult". While at secondary school he gave private lessons to help out the family budget. From 1909 he was a schoolmaster. From an early age he was *involved with the lay or*ganizations of the Roman Catholic Church. He was a belligerent patriot. He strongly supported Italy's entry into the war in 1915 and *immediately* volunteered as an infantry officer.
In 1919 he joined the Popular Party as a founder member of this first officially Catholic *party to be represented in Par*liament. He was elected deputy at Pisa. He served for a few months in Mussolini's first government as undersecretary for industry and commerce but resigned when the Popular Party decided to withdraw its support from Mussolini. Unlike some of his colleagues he kept strictly to opposition, having apparently no relations with the Fascists. In 1926, however, he was forced to leave public life. He went into business, first as a paint salesman and then as an industrialist of local importance.
He returned to politics as the war moved to an end. He was



the representative of the Christian Democratic Party *with De Gasperi on the central* committee of the committees for national liberation, the administrative machinery of the resistance movement. He took *the Ministry of Industry and* Commerce in the first and second governments of Bonomi and in Parri's Government. Once De Gasperi took power he sought some imposing post for Gronchi where his political influence would be reduced to a minimum. He arranged for his election to the presidency of the Chamber and unwittingly gave Gronchi an ideal stepping stone to even loftier office. He was elected President of the Republic on April 29, 1955, with the votes of the Communists and Socialists, a majority of his own party which broke discipline to support him, and some votes of the extreme right. When Signor Scelba offered the resignations of his government for what he believed to be a formality, he found that the new President accepted them. He was replaced by Signor Antonio Segni who was to remain prime minister for nearly two years.
Gronchi's actual political thinking was always rather vague. He believed that the church hierarchy should not interfere in the affairs of the party. He looked forward to *cooperation between Christian* Democrats and Socialists. He had fewer inhibitions than many of his Christian Democratic colleagues about dealing with Communists. His hand in Italian diplomacy as well as in domestic affairs frequently brought protests in parliament, mainly from the Liberals, alleging abuse of his powers. He took an active interest in *Middle East policy*. He favoured seeking grounds for an understanding with the Russians. But his visit to Moscow in February, 1960, not *only brought down on him* for the first time a heavy attack from the Vatican but served no useful diplomatic purpose.
Once Segni had resigned *Gronchi began to put into* operation his own plans for Italy's domestic future. To the centre formula he preferred a Christian Democrat minority administration as a prelude to a government with Socialist support. Adone Zoli formed a minority *government which* lasted until the general election of 1958. Fanfani then tried his hand at an alliance between Christian Democrats and Social Democrats. It fell because of internal dissensions among the Christian Democrats. Segni came back *to lead another minority govern*ment supported this time by the right wing.
Already Gronchi had begun to insist on having Ferdinando Tambroni, a former minister of the Interior, as prime minister. When Segni fell in the spring of 1960 the name of Tambroni arose again. After Segni had failed to form a centre-left government Gronchi at last had his way and summoned Tambroni.
It was a disastrous decision. The full import was not immediately to be seen because the Christian Democratic Party itself first rejected Tambroni because he would have been dependent on Neo-Fascist votes. Gronchi then called on Fanfani to attempt a centre-left with the Socialists but the Vatican once again *intervened and he was* forced to give up. Gronchi then rejected Tambroni's resignation. He now found himself with a prime minister supported by *right wing and clerical opinion* and placed there, ironically enough, to carry out the President's idea of an opening to the left. Gronchi had either misjudged the policy which the country needed or he had misjudged his man. Future events were to show that the centre-left would be brought about, though not under Gronchi's aegis and Tambroni would be *rejected as a tainted reaction*ary. His government fell amidst rioting. He was replaced by Fanfani who governed with a hastily reestablished govern*ment dependent on the old* centre alliance. Fanfani was to see out Gronchi's term of office. It can be said for Gronchi that what he had worked for was to *come about: the centre-left be*came a fact under his successor. It can also be said for him that left-wing Catholicism without ecclesiastical overtones or un*dertones was an aim worth pur*suing and doubtless was the best for Italy at that time.

## MR F. W. BATESON

Mr F. W. Bateson, the *founder of Essays in Criticism* and Emeritus Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, died on October 16 at the age of 76.
Born in 1901, the son of *Alfred Bateson*, of Styal, Cheshire, Frederick Wilse Bateson was educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Oxford, where he read English under a tutor who, as he later recorded, " happened to be ignorant and lazy ". He stayed in Oxford until the completion of his work for the BLitt (1927), supporting himself by private pupils, to whom *he taught the medieval and* linguistic part of the syllabus. During 1927-29 he held a Commonwealth Fellowship at Harvard. On his return to England he was set to complete the editing of the *Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature*, a post which lasted, not surprisingly, until 1940. During part of this decade Mr Bateson lectured in the WEA. When war broke out he found opportunity to show his worth in a new field, becoming statistical officer on the Buckinghamshire War Agricultural Executive Committee, a post he held until 1946 and with which he combined that of agricultural correspondent to *The Observer* and the *New Statesman*.
Back in Oxford he gave much attention to his pupils. They found him a tutor who, though he had strong views of his own, did not thrust them on others. *He was likeable and good*-humoured, and it was partly because he always remained adventurous and young in mind that he founded in 1950 *the Oxford University Critical* Society, and was always ready at short notice to step into the sudden breaches to which undergraduate programmes *seem specially liable*. He founded also in 1951 *Essays in Criticism*, the periodical with which he is most prominently associated.
It announced in its preliminary circular that it would try to *tread a middle way* between the somewhat rebarbative *Scrutiny* and Oxford's *Review of English Studies*, which Bateson thought stick-*in-the-mud*. *It throve from the* start, chiefly because of its editor's efficiency and liveмindedness. He frequently returned to America, in 1955 as visiting professor at Cornell, in 1958 at Berkeley, and in 1960, 1962 and 1964 at Pennsylvania State University. Some of his writings exists in the numbers of his quarterly, but from 1929 there had been a succession of books: *English Comic Drama 1700-50* (1929), *English Poetry and the English Language* (1934), rev edn 1973), *Towards a Socialist Agriculture* (1946), *Mixed Farming and Muddled Thinking* (1946), *English Poetry : a critical introduction* (1950), *Wordsworth : a Re-interpretation* (1954), *a Guide to English Literature* (1965), *The Scholar Critic* and *Essays in Critical Dissent* (both in 1972).
His active interest in politics dated *from his marriage to Jan* Cancellor in 1931. Both he and his wife became concerned in social work, in the history and present condition of the English *labourer and the English* village, joining the Labour Party and working committedly for it. Gradually these political and social interests found a way *into his literary criticism*. In later years he turned to questioning the claims made for linguistics, " scientific " bibliography, and other methods of, as he put it, " pinning literature down on a laboratory bench ". There was a mischievous strain in his writing and talk, perfectly compatible with thoughtful scholarship, and well exemplified by the title of the article he contributed to the twenty-fifth anniversary issue of *Essays in Criticism* — " Could Chaucer Spell ? ".
This trait showed itself in his editing. It was *Essays in Criticism* that printed John Peter's notorious article on *The Waste-Land* against which Eliot threatened legal action. One of his bugbears was compulsory Anglo-Saxon in the Oxford English School, against which he campaigned long and wittily. For many years, too, he strove to demonstrate the fallibility of Finals by drawing up tables of tutors' forecasts which he would later contrast with the classes awarded, publicizing the resultant discrepancies in the *Oxford Magazine*. (He had himself been placed in the second class at Oxford, a distinction which, he enjoyed pointing out, he shared with John Butt, G. Wilson Knight and Kenneth Muir.)
These activities offended some. He was never invited to examine in the Honours School *and was not elected a Fellow* of Corpus until 1963. But among younger tutors he was greatly liked and respected. He and W. W. Robson ran a critical discussion group for them, which continued to meet until his retirement in 1969. Several members of this group edited volumes in the Longmans Anno*tated English Poets series*, of which he was General Editor.
There was a son and a daughter of the marriage.

## MR DAN DAILEY

Mr Dan Dailey, the American actor and dancer who starred in many well-known film musicals, *died in Los Angeles on October* 16 at the age of 62. He had been ill for several months.
Born in New York City in 1915, Dailey appeared in min*strel shows as a boy, went to* dancing school and gathered a wide range of vaudeville and cabaret experience before getting his first important stage role in *Babes in Arms* on Broadway in 1936. Other Broadway shows included *Stars in Your Eyes*, with Ethel Merman and Jimmy Durante, and *I Married an Angel*. He made his first film, *Mortal Storm*, in 1940, and his engaging smile and lanky frame soon became familiar through a strong of popular musicals such as *Ziegfeld Girl* and *Lady Be Good*.
Army service interrupted his career between 1942 and 1946 but for a decade or so after the war Dailey was one of the best-familiar through a string of known song-and-dance men in Hollywood, his vehicles including *Mother Wore Tights*, *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *You Were Meant for Me*, *My Blue Heaven* and perhaps his most distinguished musical, the Gene Kelly-Stanley Donen, *It's Always Fair Weather*. *In between he* made three effective straight acting appearances for John Ford, well suiting that director's brand of broad comedy: *When Willie Comes Marching Home*, *What Price Glory* and *The Wings of Eagles*.
During the 1950s, as his film career declined, he made many cabaret appearances in Las Vegas and in the following decade returned to the stage in *Catch Me If You Can* on Broadway. He also turned to television, starring in *The Four Just Men* in 1959, the comedy show, *The Governor and JJ*, which *ran from 1969 to 1971*, *and a* detective series called *Faraday and Company* (1973). He was three times married.

## MR H. A. T. CHILD

James L. Henderson, Chairman World Education Fellowship, writes :
*Mr H. A. T. Child, who died* on September 19, will be remembered with affection and respect by three sections of the educational world. Pupils at *Bedales School in the 1930s will* recall the teaching of " HAT ", as he was familiarly known, and his wise advice as Careers master. Former colleagues and clients of the ILEA will preserve warm memories of his work as an educational psychologist. Dartington Hall School can look back with pride on the distinguished joint headship of Hu and his wife, Lois, and the role they played in reinintarpreting and modernising the mid-century somewhat hoary concepts of progressive education.
Lady Wyatt, widow of Sir Myles Wyatt, CBE, sometime chairman of British United Airways, *died on October 9 at the* age of 73.

## MR A. H. MONTGOMERY

Mr A. H. Montgomery, OBE, TD, FCA, died on October 3 at *the age of 75*. Arthur Montgomery worked for The Royal Trust Company of Canada in London from 1929 to 1973, completing his career as the company's *chairman and director*. For 26 years he devoted a large part of his time to being a governor of St Thomas's Hospital. As chairman of the hospital's *Finance Committee*, he played a vital role when the hospital was expanded, redeveloped and modernised. At the same time he was a *governor of St John's Hospital* for Diseases of the Skin and the Institute of Dermatology.
He also served on the committees of several charities. *When Howard House, a home* for retired nurses was founded in 1939, he became chairman of the trustees, and supervized its expansion. He was also a trustee of St Margaret's House, a residential centre in London's East End for students engaged in social work.
During the Second World War he served with the Royal Artillery both with anti-aircraft units and at the War Office, *rising to the rank of Brigadier*. He was made CBE in 1945.
In 1939, he married Fiodora Forde, the actress Jane Baxter, and is survived by her and their three children.

Mr Douglas Overall, FAI, a past president of the Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents' *Institute*, *died* on October 13 at the age of 86.

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| 1977/78 High | Low | Stock | | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only Yield | Gross Red. Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | 99½ | Treas 11½% | 1979 | 100⅛ | -⅛ | 11.450 | 10.231 |
| [illegible] | 84¾ | Treas 3% | 1979 | 95⅞ | -⅛ | 3.137 | 9.053 |
| 98⅞ | 83¾ | Elec 4¼% | 1974-79 | 96⅞ | -⅛ | 4.399 | 9.040 |
| [illegible] | 97¾ | Treas 10½% | 1979 | 100 | | 10.500 | 10.511 |
| [illegible] | 84⅞ | Elec 3½% | 1976-79 | 95¾ | | 3.656 | 7.704 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas Cnv 9½% | 1980 | 97¾ | -⅛ | 9.231 | 11.027 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 9½% | 1980 | 97⅞ | -⅛ | 9.735 | 11.233 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 3½% | 1977-80 | 93⅝ | | 3.742 | 7.756 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Fund 5¼% | 1978-80 | 94⅝ | | 5.541 | 9.775 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 13% | 1980 | 101⅞ | -1/16 | 12.760 | 11.919 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 11½% | 1981 | [illegible] | | 11.373 | 11.775 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 3% | 1979-81 | 89⅛ | | 3.916 | 8.625 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 9¾% | 1981 | [illegible] | | 10.162 | 11.706 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 8¼% | 1981 | [illegible] | | 8.368 | 11.648 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 9¾% | 1981 | 94 | | 10.106 | 12.081 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 3% | 1981 | [illegible] | | 3.478 | 8.556 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 12¾% | 1981 | 101⅞ | | 12.560 | 12.165 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8½% | 1980-82 | 91⅞ | | 9.279 | 11.922 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 3% | 1982 | 84¼ | | 3.549 | 8.335 |
| [illegible] | 101½ | Treas 14% | 1982 | 104[illegible] | | 13.357 | 12.240 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas 8¾% | 1982 | [illegible] | | 9.245 | 11.909 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch 9¼% | 1982 | 90⅞ | | 10.172 | 12.219 |


## COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN


## LOCAL AUTHORITIES


| 1977/78 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Investment Dollar Premium 78¾% (78¼%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.7269.

## FOREIGN STOCKS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | 48½ | Bayer | £50½ | .. | 238 | 5.0 | 22.8 |
| 19¾ | 11⅜ | Commerzbank | £17¼ | .. | 45.0 | 2.8 | 18.9 |
| 28 | 17⅝ | Cp Fn Paris | £24⅝ | .. | 156 | 4.5 | 11.2 |
| 62 | 47 | FBFS | £50¼ | .. | 301 | 5.9 | .. |
| 25 | 14 | Ericsson | £19¾ | -⅛ | 59.1 | 3.0 | 24.4 |
| 20 | 6 | Finsider | 14 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 14 | 4½ | Granges | £8 | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 340 | 255 | Hoechst | 310 | .. | 75.9 | 3.0 | 17.2 |
| 54 | 8 | Montecatini E | 20 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 487 | 470 | Robeco fl.5 | 372 | -2 | 27.9 | 3.9 | 22.9 |
| 510 | 382 | Rolinco Subs fl 5 | 477 | .. | .. | .. | 31.5 |
| 150 | 50 | Snia Viscosa | 88 | -4 | .. | .. | .. |
| 96½ | 42 | Volkswagen | £60 | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |

## DOLLAR STOCKS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15⅞ | 9⅞ | Brascan | £10⅞ | -⅛ | 60.3 | 6.0 | 3.4 |
| 12¾ | 6⅝ | BP Canada | £10⅝ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 16¾ | 9⅞ | Can Pac Ord | £13⅝ | -⅛ | 4.9 | 3.5 | 9.8 |
| 16¼ | 9⅞ | El Paso | £11⅞ | -⅛ | 41.5 | 3.5 | 22.0 |
| 45½ | 27¾ | Exxon Corp | £35¾ | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 35 | 20¾ | Fluor | £26¾ | -1 | 63.7 | 2.4 | 11.3 |
| 31⅝ | 16⅛ | Hollinger | £22⅝ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 35¾ | 24¾ | Hud Bay Oil | £24⅝ | -⅛ | 30.8 | 1.2 | 26.3 |
| 39⅞ | 24⅜ | Husky Oil | £24⅞ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 22¾ | 9½ | INCO | £12⅝ | -⅛ | 31.7 | 4.3 | 16.7 |
| 22⅞ | 6⅞ | IU Int | £8⅞ | -⅛ | 47.0 | 5.9 | 8.5 |
| 33⅝ | 15½ | Kaiser Alum | £26⅝ | -⅛ | 87.7 | 3.3 | .. |
| 19⅞ | 6¾ | Massey-Ferg | £7⅞ | -⅛ | .. | .. | 12.1 |
| 17⅝ | 11⅞ | Norton Simon | £13⅞ | -⅛ | 47.9 | 3.6 | 10.5 |
| 28⅝ | 20 | Pacific Petrol | £24⅛ | -1½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 29⅞ | 17⅝ | Pan Canadian | £19⅞ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 245 | 170 | Steep Rock | 212 | -4 | .. | .. | .. |
| 12⅜ | 6⅞ | Trans Can P | £10⅞ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 22 | 17⅞ | US Steel | £18 | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 735 | 725 | White Pass | 725 | .. | 15.0 | 2.2 | 21.0 |
| 14⅞ | 7¼ | Zapata Corp | £11⅞ | -⅛ | 15.7 | 1.4 | 33.8 |

## BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 305 | 195 | Alexs Discount | 247 | .. | 21.7 | 8.8 | 5.6 |
| 371½ | 218¼ | Allen H & Ross | 320 | .. | 30.5 | 9.5 | 7.1 |
| 234 | 98½ | Allied Irish | 216 | .. | 11.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| 195 | 108 | Arb-Latham | 158 | -5 | 15.3 | 9.7 | 10.0 |
| 345 | 280 | ANZ Grp | 308 | -1 | 10.5 | 3.5 | 10.4 |
| 22½ | 13½ | Bank America | £19¾ | -1 | 57.0 | 3.0 | 12.9 |
| 465 | 202½ | Bk of Ireland | 428 | -2 | 22.7 | 5.3 | 5.8 |
| 27 | 14 | Bk Leumi Israel | 16 | .. | 0.4 | 2.4 | 11.9 |
| 200 | 150 | Bk Leumi UK | 170 | .. | 11.2 | 6.6 | 15.2 |
| 705 | 370 | Bk of NSW | 610 | -10 | 19.3 | 3.2 | 13.2 |
| 215 | 265 | Bk of Scotland | 325 | .. | 17.5 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| 23⅞ | 21⅜ | Bnks Trst NY | £25⅝ | -⅛ | 161 | 6.2 | 8.1 |
| 367 | 227 | Barclays Bank | 342 | -1 | 20.1b | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| 258 | 117 | Brown Shipley | 239 | .. | 14.1 | 5.6 | 8.4 |
| 313¾ | 196⅞ | Cater Ryder | 268 | .. | 25.6 | 9.6 | .. |
| 28¾ | 17½ | Chase Man | £24 | -1 | 114 | 4.7 | 11.6 |
| 29⅞ | 13⅜ | Citicorp | £18⅞ | -⅞ | 61.6 | 3.3 | 11.4 |
| 91 | 51½ | Clive Discount | 76 | • +1 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 5.5 |
| 252 | 170 | Com Bk of Aust | 202 | • -2 | 9.4 | 4.6 | 7.5 |
| 145 | 115 | Com Bk of Syd | 160 | -4 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 14.3 |
| 23½ | 12¼ | CC De France | £21 | .. | 95.0 | 4.5 | 14.9 |
| 7¼ | 4⅞ | First Nat Fin | 6¼ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 14 | 7 | Fraser Ans | 12⅛ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 210 | 150 | Gerrard & Nat | 175 | .. | 12.4 | 7.1 | 4.6 |
| 56 | 37 | Gibbs A. | 50 | -2 | 3.3 | 6.7 | 21.5 |
| 237 | 161⅛ | Gillett Bros | 218 | .. | 23.2 | 10.6 | 5.4 |
| 112 | 55 | Grindlays Hldgs | 110 | .. | 4.2 | 3.4 | 4.4 |
| 258 | 230 | Guinness Peat | 256 | -2 | 35.5 | 6.9 | 8.8 |
| 232 | 12 | Hambros £10 | £17 | .. | 146 | 5.6 | .. |
| 257 | 143 | Do Ord | 188 | .. | 14.6 | 7.7 | 8.2 |
| 116 | 74 | Hill Samuel | 90 | -1 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| 359 | 202½ | Hong K & Shang | 292 | -5 | 7.8b | 2.7 | 20.1 |
| 70½ | 42½ | Jessel Toynbee | 60 | -2 | 5.0 | 8.3 | .. |
| 220 | 125 | Joseph L. | 180 | .. | 12.0 | 6.7 | 9.9 |
| 52 | 27 | Keyser Ullmann | 45 | -1 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 45.1 |
| 90 | 42 | King & Shaxson | 61 | -1 | 5.2 | 8.5 | 4.7 |
| 154 | 76 | Kleinwort Ben | 84 | .. | 6.3 | 8.0 | 8.6 |
| 296 | 195 | Lloyds Bank | 260 | -4 | 14.5 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| 177 | 92 | Mercury Secs | 113 | .. | 5.7 | 5.1 | 6.3 |
| 390 | 258½ | Midland | 347 | -5 | 22.4 | 6.4 | 5.2 |
| 48 | 39 | Minster Assets | 60 | .. | 5.3 | 9.0 | 5.2 |
| 240 | 189 | Nat of Aust | 215 | -5 | 9.7 | 4.3 | 9.6 |
| 42 | 34 | Nat Com Bk Grp | 37 | .. | 4.2 | 3.7 | 5.4 |
| 296 | 205 | Nat W minster | 276 | .. | 19.3 | 6.7 | 5.6 |
| 36½ | 29 | Ottoman | £47¾ | .. | 260 | 5.9 | 32.0 |
| 66 | 45 | Rea Bros | 58 | .. | 3.5 | 4.5 | 11.2 |
| 24⅞ | 14⅞ | Royal of Can | £21⅞ | -⅛ | 71.9 | 3.4 | 11.7 |
| 490 | 290 | Schroders | 440 | .. | 17.5 | 4.0 | 9.5 |
| 290 | 186½ | Seccombe Mar | 210 | .. | 20.2 | 9.6 | 8.7 |
| 68 | 33½ | Smith St Aubyn | 60 | .. | 7.6 | 9.5 | .. |
| 452 | 303 | Standard Chart | 410 | +2 | 20.4 | 7.2 | 3.2 |
| 368½ | 215¾ | Union Discount | 315 | .. | 24.0 | 7.6 | 5.2 |
| 74 | 37 | Wintrust | 74 | .. | 4.6 | 6.3 | 18.7 |

## BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | 58 | Allied | 84½ | +1 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 11.6 |
| 170 | 87 | Bass Charrgton | 163 | -2 | 7.6 | 4.7 | 10.9 |
| 56 | 26 | Belhaven Grp | 44 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 294 | 78½ | Bell A | 244 | .. | 7.6 | 3.1 | 8.3 |
| 210 | 54½ | Boddingtons | 94 | .. | 4.0 | 4.2 | 14.5 |
| 127 | 84 | Brown M | 120 | .. | 6.1 | 5.1 | 14.0 |
| 177 | 99 | Bulmer HP Hldgs | 135 | .. | 4.6 | 3.5 | 8.7 |
| 175 | 75 | Burtonwood | 173 | .. | 5.2 | 3.0 | 10.3 |
| 48 | 40 | C of Ldn Dfd | 44 | • .. | 4.6 | 7.2 | 22.1 |
| 205 | 100 | Devenish | 198 | .. | 9.1 | 4.6 | 10.5 |
| 214 | 139 | Distillers | 198 | -2 | 11.0 | 5.6 | 9.3 |
| 137 | 50¾ | Greenall | 122 | -1 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 12.3 |
| 310 | 182 | Greene King | 305 | .. | 12.1 | 4.0 | 14.8 |
| 159 | 124 | Guinness | 156 | -1 | 11.0 | 7.1 | 7.3 |
| 192 | 95 | Hardys & H'sons | 182 | -1 | 10.9 | 6.0 | 12.2 |
| 156 | 53 | Highland | 139 | .. | 4.4 | 3.1 | 20.7 |
| 182 | 35 | Invergordon | 145 | -1 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 13.4 |
| 180 | 42 | Irish Distillers | 176 | .. | 6.1 | 3.4 | 12.1 |
| 84 | 31 | Marston | 81 | .. | 2.0 | 3.5 | 11.1 |
| 72 | 45 | Scot & Newcastle | 63 | .. | 5.2 | 8.2 | 6.6 |
| 20⅞ | 13⅝ | Seagram | £19⅞ | .. | 41.9 | 2.2 | 14.1 |
| 90 | 40 | SA Breweries | 71 | .. | 7.0 | 9.8 | 3.8 |
| 131 | 42 | Tomatin | 124 | .. | 4.7 | 3.8 | 15.4 |
| 134 | 57 | Vaux | 126 | .. | 6.1 | 4.8 | 13.1 |
| 104 | 39½ | Whitbread 'A' | 97½ | -1½ | 6.0 | 6.1 | 8.2 |
| 107 | 60 | Do B | 90 | .. | 6.0 | 6.0 | 2.8 |
| 96 | 55 | Whitbread Inv | 92 | .. | 6.1 | 6.7 | 22.3 |
| 234 | 114 | Wolverhampton | 225 | .. | 9.2 | 4.1 | 13.3 |

## COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

### A — B

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 122 | 77 | AAH | 107 | .. | 9.3 | 8.7 | 7.5 |
| 45 | 28 | AC Cars | 40 | .. | 1.4 | 3.6 | 6.4 |
| 162 | 80½ | AGB Research | 157 | +1 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 18.0 |
| 257 | 134 | APV Hldgs | 225 | .. | 9.1 | 4.0 | 9.3 |
| 79½ | 45½ | Aaronson Bros | 72 | .. | 5.3 | 7.3 | 7.4 |
| 158 | 62 | Acrow | 132 | • .. | 3.8 | 2.9 | 10.9 |
| 111 | 52 | Do A | 99 | • .. | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| 54½ | 31 | Adda Int | 54 | -½ | 1.1 | 2.0 | 10.0 |
| 330 | 210 | Advest Group | 307 | .. | 15.2 | 4.9 | 8.1 |
| 121 | 38 | Aeron & A Gen | 113 | -2 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 11.8 |
| 65 | 42 | Airfix Ind | 55 | .. | 4.8 | 8.8 | 5.2 |
| 12¼ | 7½ | Akzo | £10⅛ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 166 | 147 | Alcan Ord | 159 | -4 | 15.9 | 9.5 | 5.0 |
| 86 | 64 | Do 10½% | £84 | -½ | 1050 | 12.5 | .. |
| 307 | 205 | Alginate Ind | 245 | -2 | 22.2 | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| 77 | 44 | Allen E Balfour | 56 | -1 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 10.3 |
| 52½ | 27 | Allen W G | 48½ | .. | 3.8 | 8.1 | 4.2 |
| 106½ | 44½ | Allied Colloids | 72 | -2 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 13.2 |
| 74 | 47 | Allied Insulators | 66 | -1 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 5.0 |
| 16 | 7½ | Allied Plant | 14 | .. | 1.2 | 8.4 | 7.4 |
| 135 | 74½ | Allied Retail | 110 | .. | 4.4 | 4.0 | 14.0 |
| 79 | 49 | Alpine Hldgs | 73½ | .. | 4.2 | 5.6 | 18.9 |
| 352 | 210 | Amal Metal | 310 | -8 | 24.7 | 8.0 | 12.8 |
| 171 | 89 | Amal Power | 141 | .. | 8.8 | 6.2 | 3.7 |
| 49½ | 31 | Amber Day | 47 | -1 | 3.9b | 8.1 | 8.5 |
| 30 | 6 | Amber Ind Hldgs | 26 | .. | 0.8 | 3.2 | 4.4 |
| 86 | 41 | Anchor Chem | 70 | • -2 | 6.2 | 9.1 | 4.8 |
| 71 | 38 | Anderson Strath | 67½ | -½ | 4.0 | 5.9 | 7.8 |
| 95 | 48½ | Anglia TV 'A' | 90 | .. | 6.7 | 7.4 | 6.3 |
| 460 | 300 | Anglo Amer Ind | 510 | .. | 42.7 | 8.4 | 3.3 |
| 42 | 22 | Ang Swiss Hldgs | 34 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 105 | 48 | Applevard | 95 | .. | 9.7 | 10.0 | 7.8 |
| 51½ | 31 | Aquascutum 'A' | 48½ | .. | 4.3 | 9.8 | 10.9 |
| 110 | 64 | Arlington Mtr | 105 | -1 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 4.3 |
| 77½ | 38 | Armitage Shanks | 72 | -1 | 6.5 | 9.1 | 12.6 |
| 54 | 32½ | Armour Trust | [illegible] | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 249 | 95 | Arlen [illegible] | [illegible] | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 50 | 20 | Ash & Lacy | [illegible] | .. | .. | .. | .. |


| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 172 | 100 | Barratt Devs | 163 | .. | 12.4 | 12.0 | 2.5 |
| 54 | 22 | Barrow Hepbn | 41 | .. | 2.3b | 5.5 | 7.1 |
| 72 | 33½ | Barton & Sons | 68 | .. | 4.5 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| 75 | 48 | Bassett G | 58 | .. | 5.7 | 9.8 | 8.4 |
| 69 | 28 | Bath & P land | 64 | .. | 5.2 | 8.0 | 3.7 |
| 202 | 66 | Beatson Clark | 194 | • .. | 8.7 | 4.5 | 3.1 |
| 742 | 372 | Beecham Grp | 693 | -3 | 28.2 | 4.1 | 13.4 |
| 273 | 123 | Blagden & N | 241 | -1 | 19.2 | 7.5 | 10.3 |
| 292 | 153 | Blue Circle Ind | 275 | +1 | 14.7 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| 242 | 115 | Boots | 231 | -4 | 9.6 | 4.3 | 14.2 |
| 120 | 74 | Brit Printing | 52½ | .. | 5.2 | 9.9 | 5.0 |
| 198 | 95 | Brown J. | 452 | .. | 13.4 | 3.0 | 4.7 |
| 785 | 395 | Broken Hill | 485 | • -10 | 19.0 | 2.8 | 30.1 |

### I — L

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 487 | 350 | ICI | 467 | -1 | 11.6 | 2.5 | 8.6 |
| 138 | 75 | IDC Grp | 136 | .. | 13.9 | 10.2 | 28.6 |
| 69 | 48 | IMI | 58 | .. | 5.3 | 9.1 | 7.1 |
| 196 | 74 | Ibstock Johns'n | 180 | -2 | 9.7 | 5.4 | 6.7 |
| 445 | 325½ | Imp Chem Ind | 393 | +5 | 26.5 | 6.8 | 8.6 |
| 140 | 75 | Imp Cold Store | 116 | .. | 8.3 | 7.1 | 4.6 |
| 88 | 65 | Imperial Grp | 82 | .. | 8.6 | 10.5 | 6.2 |
| 33 | 17 | Ingall Ind | 30 | • .. | 2.8 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
| 49 | 28 | Ingram H. | 36 | .. | .. | .. | 21.1 |
| 96 | 51½ | Initial Services | 93½ | +½ | 7.8 | 8.3 | 7.1 |
| 82 | 41½ | Int Paint | 80 | .. | 3.5 | 4.3 | 6.4 |
| 305 | 283 | Int Thomson | 282 | -5 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 8.7 |
| 250 | 234 | Do Conv Pref | 284 | -4 | 15.9 | 5.6 | .. |
| 146 | 78 | Int Timber | 129 | +1 | 10.7 | 8.3 | 8.1 |

### T — Z

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 9 | Tace | 25 | .. | 1.9 | 7.3 | 4.5 |
| 17⅛ | 8¾ | Tabaco Bdr | £17⅜ | -⅛ | 16.5 | 1.0 | 22.6 |
| 25½ | 3 | Talbex Grp | 20 | .. | 0.8e | 4.3 | 16.0 |
| 220 | 124 | Tarmac Ltd | 145 | -2 | 15.6 | 10.8 | 6.9 |
| 280 | 165 | Tate & Lyle | 174 | -2 | 20.4 | 11.7 | 4.2 |
| 504 | 244 | Taylor Woodrow | 408 | -2 | 11.6 | 2.8 | 19.2 |
| 450 | 190½ | Thorn Electric | 372 | -2 | 17.4 | 4.7 | 9.3 |
| 600 | 412 | Unilever | 545 | .. | 20.5 | 3.8 | 9.6 |
| 86 | 18 | Wimpey G | 77 | -2½ | 1.0 | 1.3 | 7.5 |
| 92 | 64 | Woolworth | 71 | +½ | 6.3 | 8.9 | 12.9 |
| 343 | 140 | Yarrow & Co | 342 | .. | 7.8 | 2.3 | 11.7 |
| 75 | 29½ | York Trailer | 50 | .. | 3.5 | 6.9 | 4.8 |
| 88 | 31 | Youghal C'pts | 38 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 46 | 11 | Young H Hldgs | 28 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 68 | 21 | Zetters | 36½ | .. | 2.0 | 5.5 | 7.5 |

## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 280 | 175 | Akroyd & Sm | 205 | .. | 25.4 | 12.4 | 2.1 |
| 458 | 200 | Assam Trdng 'B' | 370 | .. | 3.9 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| 68 | 17 | Boustead | 40 | .. | 2.3 | 3.8 | 12.1 |
| 23 | 6 | Brit Arrow | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 163 | 102 | Challenge Corp | 141 | .. | 6.6 | 4.7 | 10.0 |
| 82 | 42 | Charterhse Grp | 63 | -1 | 5.1 | 8.1 | 12.2 |
| 54½ | 27¼ | C Fin de Suez | £47¼ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 397 | 225 | Daily Mail Tst | 388 | .. | 19.4 | 5.0 | 21.8 |
| 395 | 210 | Do A | 386 | .. | 19.4 | 5.0 | 21.7 |
| 308 | 204 | Dalgety | 307 | +3 | 24.4b | 7.9 | 8.3 |
| 46 | 23 | Dawnay Day | 44 | .. | 1.5 | 3.5 | 17.2 |
| 20 | 8 | Edin Ind Hldgs | 8 | -1 | 0.2n | 1.9 | .. |
| 117 | 79 | Electra Inv | 117½ | .. | 7.6 | 6.5 | 21.7 |
| 35 | 15 | Exploration | 27 | .. | 0.3 | 3.1 | 8.7 |
| 443 | 283½ | Inchcape | 380 | .. | 22.7 | 6.0 | 9.4 |
| 123 | 60 | Lloyds & Scot | 91 | .. | 6.2 | 6.8 | 12.0 |
| 580 | 451 | Tyndall O'seas | 560 | .. | 40.4 | 5.4 | .. |
| 58½ | 21¾ | Wagon Fin | 42 | -½ | 3.1 | 7.5 | 8.8 |
| 87½ | 33 | Yule Catto | 79½ | +½ | 2.2 | 2.7 | 10.4 |

## INSURANCE

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 151 | 65 | Bowring | 120 | .. | 4.7 | 3.9 | .. |
| 38 | 28 | Brentnall Beard | 30 | .. | 2.0 | 6.7 | 9.2 |
| 154 | 111 | Britannic | 168 | .. | 13.9 | 8.7 | .. |
| 172 | 105½ | Com Union | 136 | • -1 | 12.2 | 8.9 | .. |
| 405 | 186 | Hambro Life | 363 | • -1 | 31.6 | 8.2 | .. |
| 276 | 153 | Pearl | 228 | .. | 19.1 | 8.4 | .. |
| 178 | 116 | Prudential | 140 | • -2 | 10.6 | 7.6 | .. |
| 478 | 235 | Sedg Forbes | 402 | -3 | 16.2 | 4.0 | 12.9 |
| 682 | 345 | Sun Alliance | 558 | .. | 32.3 | 6.0 | .. |
| 121 | 65 | Sun Life | 104 | -1 | 5.2b | 5.0 | .. |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 156 | 104 | Aberdeen Trst | 142 | .. | 7.7b | 5.4 | 27.5 |
| 250 | 166 | Alliance Trust | 224 | .. | 10.5n | 4.8 | 27.3 |
| 50½ | 31½ | Amer Trust | 44½ | .. | 2.1 | 4.7 | 32.0 |
| 114 | 72 | Ang-Amer Secs | 106½ | .. | 4.6 | 4.5 | 30.4 |
| 52 | 32 | Anglo Int Inv | 41 | .. | 4.9 | 11.8 | 12.9 |
| 171 | 78 | Wemyss Inv | 159 | -2 | 11.5 | 6.2 | 23.6 |
| 126 | 111 | Yeoman Tst | 156 | .. | 11.5 | 6.2 | 23.6 |
| 36 | 17 | Yorks & Lancs | 35 | .. | 2.5b | 6.9 | 23.9 |
| 90 | 50 | Young Co Inv | 87½ | .. | 5.5 | 6.3 | 25.0 |

## SHIPPING

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 321 | 213 | Brit & Comm | 297 | -1 | 14.1 | 4.8 | 5.7 |
| 180 | 54 | Fisher J. | 178 | .. | 2.2 | 1.3 | 9.6 |
| 355 | 207 | Furness Withy | 240 | -5 | 25.1 | 10.6 | 6.7 |
| 305 | 160 | Hunting Gibson | 312 | • .. | 0.2 | 0.1 | .. |
| 41½ | 24¾ | Jacobs J I | 37 | .. | 2.8 | 7.6 | 15.1 |
| 270 | 206 | Mabch Liners | 225 | .. | 7.7 | 3.4 | 20.5 |
| 170 | 104 | Ocean Trans | 110 | -1½ | 12.6 | 11.4 | 3.8 |
| 172 | 83 | P & O 'Dfd' | 90 | +1 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 5.0 |

## MINES

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 785 | 370 | Anglo Am Coal | 600 | -10 | 35.1 | 6.4 | .. |
| 382 | 195 | Anglo Am Corp | 346 | -2 | 21.0 | 6.1 | .. |
| 20⅞ | 11¼ | Ang Am Gold | £17⅛ | -⅛ | 104 | 6.0 | .. |
| 49 | 19 | Anglo Am Inv | £40¼ | .. | 374 | 9.3 | .. |
| 9½ | 6¾ | Anglo Transvl | £7½ | -⅛ | 72.5 | 9.7 | .. |
| 9½ | 6 | Do A | £7½ | -⅛ | 72.5 | 9.7 | .. |
| 15½ | 8¼ | Asarco | £10⅞ | -⅛ | 20.5 | 1.9 | .. |
| 415 | 235 | Ayer Hitam | 340 | -10 | 66.8 | 19.4 | .. |
| 60 | 28 | Beralt Tin | 51 | .. | 11.7n | 23.0 | .. |
| 417 | 249 | Blyvoors | 309 | +3 | 59.7 | 19.3 | .. |
| 46 | 12 | Botswana RST | 22 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 107 | 66 | Bracken Mines | 87 | .. | 26.3 | 30.2 | .. |
| 130 | 61 | BH South | 119 | -5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 11⅝ | 6¼ | Buffelsfontein | £7⅝ | -⅛ | 107 | 14.0 | .. |
| 168 | 106 | Charter Cons | 152 | .. | 12.6 | 8.3 | .. |
| 220½ | 136 | Cons Gold Fields | 178 | • +3 | 13.7 | 7.7 | .. |
| 483 | 188 | De Beers 'Dfd' | 390 | -6 | 32.9 | 8.4 | .. |
| 403 | 145 | Doornfontein | 271 | .. | 31.3 | 11.6 | .. |
| 442 | 132 | Durban Rood | 366 | +12 | .. | .. | .. |
| 37 | 9 | East Dagga | 24 | +1 | 15.1 | 62.9 | .. |
| 917 | 455 | E Driefontein | 675 | +2 | 52.0 | 7.7 | .. |
| 477 | 177 | E Rand Prop | 386 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 83 | 39 | El Oro M & Ex | 60 | .. | 1.7 | 2.8 | .. |
| 154 | 64 | Elsburg Gold | 94 | +2 | 4.1 | 4.5 | .. |
| 20⅞ | 8¾ | E S Gedlid | £16⅞ | -⅛ | 276 | 16.4 | .. |
| 165 | 34½ | Geevor Tin | 165 | +10 | 7.6 | 4.6 | .. |

## OIL

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 45 | Ampol Pet | 48 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 130 | 47 | Attock | 65 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 266 | 129 | Brit Borneo | 225 | .. | 10.2 | 4.5 | 13.3 |
| 964 | 720 | BP | 906 | -4 | 39.1 | 2.9 | 9.9 |
| 68 | 41 | Burmah Oil | 59 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 66½ | 44½ | Century Oils | 63 | .. | 4.0 | 6.5 | 3.4 |
| 34½ | 18½ | Charterhall | 32 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 29¾ | 12¾ | C F Petroles | £26 | .. | 111 | 4.3 | 5.5 |
| 44 | 24 | KCA Int | 36 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 193 | 124 | Lasmo | 182 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 415 | 260 | Do Ops | 375 | -8 | .. | .. | .. |
| 109½ | 64½ | Do 14% Ln | £89½ | .. | 1400 | 14.2 | .. |
| 322 | 77 | Oil Exploration | 304 | .. | 3.5 | 1.1 | 28.3 |
| 22½ | 6 | Premier Cons | 15½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 13⅞ | 7⅛ | Ranger Oil | £10⅛ | -⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 50¾ | 37½ | Royal Dutch | £42⅛ | -⅛ | 147 | 3.4 | 7.6 |
| 632 | 458 | Shell Trans | 574 | -4 | 26.6 | 4.6 | 6.3 |
| 202 | 104 | Tricentrol | 172 | -4 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 15.5 |
| 276 | 116½ | Ultramar | 232 | -4 | .. | .. | 7.5 |
| 162 | 84 | Do 7% Cnv | 135 | -2 | 10.6 | 7.7 | .. |

## PROPERTY

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 29¾ | Allied Ldn | 54 | .. | 2.2 | 4.4 | 34.4 |
| 254 | 127 | Allnatt Ldn | 225 | +2 | 6.5 | 2.9 | 25.0 |
| 276 | 114 | Apex Props | 276 | .. | 5.9 | 2.1 | 49.5 |
| 23 | 11 | Aquis Secs | 20½ | .. | 1.0 | 4.7 | 23.2 |
| 95 | 51½ | Beaumont Prop | 81 | .. | 5.9 | 6.7 | 21.5 |
| 142 | 59 | Berkeley Hmbro | 130 | +1 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 29.5 |
| 193 | 140 | Bilton Percy | 180 | -1 | 9.4 | 5.0 | 20.1 |
| 273 | 118 | Bradford Prop | 256 | .. | 10.2 | 4.0 | 43.0 |
| 644 | 310 | Hammerson 'A' | 590 | +1 | 8.2 | 1.2 | 67.2 |
| 250 | 142 | Land Secs | 227 | -1 | 6.1 | 2.5 | 46.7 |
| 330 | 150 | Prop & Rever | 325 | .. | 7.8 | 2.4 | 32.7 |
| 290 | 90 | Sunley B | 270 | .. | 6.6 | 2.4 | .. |
| 138 | 41 | Trafford Park | 129 | .. | 6.2 | 4.8 | 13.5 |

## RUBBER

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | 34 | Anglo-Indone'sia | 105 | .. | 4.2 | 4.0 | .. |
| 66 | 15 | Bradwall FMS | 61 | .. | 2.5 | 4.1 | .. |
| 400 | 52 | Castlefield | 355 | .. | 3.0 | 2.0 | .. |
| 135 | 45 | Harrisons Malay | 107 | h .. | 6.1n | 5.7 | .. |
| 50½ | 22½ | Majedie | 39½ | -2½ | 1.0 | 2.6 | .. |
| 93 | 38½ | Sungei Krian | 91 | -1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | .. |

## TEA

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 390 | 147 | Assam Frontier | 330 | • -2 | 14.0 | 4.1 | .. |
| 123 | 52 | Assam Inv | 101 | .. | 10.6 | 10.5 | .. |
| 410 | 95 | Camellia Inv | 310 | -3 | 7.0 | 2.0 | .. |
| 166 | 22 | Deundi | 150 | h .. | 40.1 | 26.0 | .. |
| 245 | 220 | McLeod Russel | 230 | .. | 20.5n | 9.0 | .. |
| 410 | 121 | Moran | 336 | • -10 | 29.9 | 8.9 | .. |
| 135 | 15 | Surmah Valley | 125 | .. | 10.0 | 7.4 | .. |
| 150 | 51 | Warren Plant | 124 | -1 | 11.1 | 9.0 | .. |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15⅞ | 7⅞ | Calcutta Elec | [illegible] | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 450 | 319 | Imp Cont Gas | 374 | -1 | 14.9 | 4.0 | 8.5 |
| 35 | 32 | Mid Kent Wtr | £35½ | .. | 500 | 14.0 | .. |
| 50 | 45 | Milford Docks | 122 | -2 | 4.1 | 3.4 | .. |
| 276 | 140 | Nigerian Elec | 210 | .. | 20.3 | 9.6 | .. |
| 39½ | 32½ | Sunderland Wtr | £34 | .. | 500 | 10.6 | .. |

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

### THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 17.10.78 (base date June 2, 1964; original base date June 2, 1950):—

| | Index No. | Div. Yield % | Earnings Yield % | Index No. Previous |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Times Industrial Share Index | 213.78 | 6.34 | 11.69 | 217.87 |
| Largest Cos. | 225.46 | 6.07 | 11.17 | 229.71 |
| Smaller Cos. | 202.64 | 7.23 | 12.53 | 205.54 |
| Capital Goods | 244.42 | 6.86 | 14.34 | 249.92 |
| Consumer Goods | 225.32 | 6.77 | 10.09 | 224.97 |
| Store Shares | 192.13 | 9.09 | 6.01 | 197.30 |
| Largest financial shares | 215.52 | 6.41 | — | 217.45 |
| Largest financial and industrial shares | 222.56 | 6.13 | — | 220.09 |
| Commodity shares | 276.96 | 5.18 | 14.36 | 290.63 |
| Gold Mining shares | 319.95 | 9.68 | 16.55 | 316.04 |
| Industrial debenture stocks | 93.21 | 6.42* | — | 93.31 |
| Industrial preference stocks | 56.25 | 12.41* | — | 56.25 |
| 3½% War Loan | 31¼ | 11.70* | — | 31¼ |

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

| | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| All-time | 232.06 (14.09.78) | 60.18 (13.12.74) |
| 1978 | 232.06 (14.09.78) | 184.85 (02.03.78) |
| 1977 | 232.98 (14.09.77) | 151.29 (13.01.77) |
| 1976 | 171.35 (05.05.76) | 115.83 (27.10.76) |
| 1975 | 159.92 (19.11.75) | 61.49 (06.01.75) |
| 1974 | 136.18 (28.02.74) | 60.18 (12.12.74) |
| 1973 | 189.73 (12.01.73) | 120.99 (14.12.73) |

* Flat interest yield.

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# Bonn monetary talks expected to focus on the political aspects

From Peter Norman
Brussels, Oct 17

West Germany will try to set technical issues into the background when the question of the planned European Monetary System (EMS) is raised in bilateral consultations with the British Government in Bonn.

The West German government spokesman, Herr Klaus Bölling, told journalists in Bonn today that the talks between Mr James Callaghan and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the German Chancellor, would concentrate on the political aspects of EMS rather than the technical details.

According to senior officials in the Bonn Finance Ministry, the German Government is anxious not to get bogged down in discussion of their respective merits or defects of the basket-parity grid systems for EMS at this week's talks.

Rather than looking to the Bonn consultations to produce an EMS "breakthrough" on the lines of the short-lived agreement between France and Germany at last month's meeting in Aachen of Herr Schmidt and M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the French President, officials in Bonn seem to be hoping that this week's talks with the British will cover the broader aspects of EMS and so produce a greater degree of understanding between the two sides.

Bonn therefore may be expected to make conciliatory noises but is unlikely at this stage to offer any specific concessions to meet the demands of Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the new system should incorporate features which he claims would lead to more even obligations on strong and weak currency nations.

It should be remembered that the Bonn Government is not entirely the master of its own house in international monetary affairs, and has to take into account the more orthodox and rigorously anti-inflationary approach to EMS of the Federal Bank in Frankfurt.

It seems, therefore, as if the German Government would prefer to put off horse-trading over the details of EMS until nearer the date of the next EEC Finance Ministers' meeting on November 20, and is prepared to accept if necessary a delay in the introduction of the new system beyond the unofficial target date of January 1 next year.

But if the basket parity grid controversy is raised, the Bonn Government is likely to argue that giving the basket system the major role in determining currency intervention in EMS, as desired by the British, would be unworkable in practice.

Nevertheless there appears to be room for negotiation, as at yesterday's meeting of finance ministers in Luxembourg the German delegation said that it did not want the EMS to be just an enlarged "snake."

It is likely that the Germans will try and persuade the British that a significant revaluation of the Deutsche mark inside the existing currency "snake" should not be regarded as a precondition for Britain joining the EMS.

Finance ministry sources pointed out that the pound, the lira and the French franc, are at present floating against the currencies of the "snake" and that it should be left to the markets to determine the rates at which these currencies would enter the new system.

They maintain that last weekend's mark revaluation in the "snake" was not a preliminary to the establishment of the EMS, and that economic conditions in the member countries of the existing joint European float had little to do with the revaluation.

Instead, the upwards adjustment of the mark by 2 per cent against the Benelux currencies and 4 per cent against the Danish and Norwegian crowns was necessary to take account of the effects of the dollar's weakness on the "snake".

The events leading up to the adjustment underline one of the major concerns of the West German Federal Bank as regards British demands that the EMS should be based on a basket-orientated intervention system.

The bank has always argued that such a system would put the onus of currency intervention on the Germans and so boost domestic money supply to such an extent as to encourage inflation.

# Mr Callaghan facing a difficult task

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The increasingly contentious European Monetary System (EMS) is not the only item on the agenda for the Prime Minister's meetings in Bonn today and tomorrow with Herr Helmut Schmidt, West German Chancellor, it was emphasized in Whitehall last night, after a long meeting of the Cabinet.

The British party for Bonn, which includes Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, as well as Mr Dennis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Dr David Owen, Foreign Secretary, intends raising British challenges over both the common agricultural and fishery policies.

EMS looms large, however. Reportedly, it was not discussed at yesterday's Cabinet. But there is no denying confidence in high places that the Government will avert a crisis within the Labour Party over the issue.

Since it is accepted that a straight British entry into EMS on January 1 next year would provoke such a crisis with its out and out Labour opponents, it is clear that the impression is being given that something less is being attempted.

How that, in turn, will avert a brush-off from Herr Schmidt, is not clear, but it was said in Whitehall that the West German Chancellor was not expecting Mr Callaghan to arrive this afternoon with his mind made up. That is not necessary until the EEC December summit.

The idea of British Ministers in Bonn seeking an "EMS quid pro quo", insisting that it must have obvious benefits from joining a common currency system, was not wholly accepted in Whitehall, although it is obvious that there has to be some such agreement.

Notable in these Whitehall quarters is the relief that it is no longer Britain alone but other EEC members who are raising questions over the proposed operation of the currency system. This was seen in Luxembourg on Monday and is adduced as evidence of EEC members coming Britain's way.

Mr Callaghan will be anxious to find out how the new system will differ from the present European float or "snake".

At the Finance Ministers' meeting on Monday there was general agreement for the view expressed by Herr Lahnstein, the German State Secretary in the Finance Ministry, that something better than the snake was needed.

Mr Callaghan will ask Herr Schmidt how he sees the scheme working in practical terms, and how far he is prepared to move his position on the numeraire of the new system and the size of credits available.

The British do not want to join a scheme unless they are sure that the pound will be able to stay in for some time.

# Top priority for State industry control Bill

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent

A Bill to increase the ability of government ministers to intervene in the running of nationalized industries is likely to be introduced in the next session of Parliament.

The intention to introduce legislation to enact changes in the relationship between Government and the nationalized industries along the lines set out in a White Paper published in April is expected to be announced in the Queen's Speech.

The Bill, called the Public Corporations (Statutory Powers) Bill, is believed to have high enough priority to be brought before the House of Commons by Christmas.

Time is also expected to be made available for a Bill to reorganize the electricity supply industry. A draft Bill on this subject was published as a White Paper after it failed to gain Liberal support.

The Bill was intended to create a single statutory authority for the industry, but leave a large measure of autonomy to subsidiary area boards. This plan is expected to be followed, but the Secretary of State for Energy is unlikely to retain the power he wanted of appointing the subsidiary board members.

Controversial clauses in the draft Bill on the relationship between the minister and the industry should be dealt with in the general Bill on the statutory powers of public corporations.

Changes in ministers' powers to intervene, as outlined in the White Paper, have been criticized by members of the boards of the industries themselves, in evidence to the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries.

The proposed Bill, however, is expected to give sponsoring ministers powers to give "specific directions" to the industries on questions of national interest. With a few exceptions ministers' powers at the moment are constrained to general directives, which are rarely used although there is much private arm-twisting.

An uneasy relationship, page 23

# Mr Benn seeks closer Western links with Opec

By Our Energy Correspondent

Closer links between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Western oil-producing states such as Britain and Norway are being sought by Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy.

By the New Year he hopes to have set up an informal group which would discuss long-term energy problems, he told a press conference yesterday.

It also was possible that an international conference of state oil companies, which would include the British National Oil Corporation, could be arranged.

He believed the barriers to discussion between Opec and the Western consumers were breaking down. It should be possible to involve the United Nations in discussions, including the Soviet Union, about East-West energy problems, and he had spoken twice to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, about it.

Mr Benn was outlining the decisions he would face during the coming year. The Energy Commission would meet on December 1 and discuss North Sea policy and a further Green Paper on energy would be published in the spring.

He intended to seek planning agreements with oil companies as a follow-on from participation already agreed. Depletion policy would be carried through by discussions with individual companies. It was impossible to anticipate what that policy should be for five years ahead.

Assurances on production which had been given would be honoured and Mr Benn saw no difficulty in negotiating output rates, if necessary, with companies every year or 18 months.

Surviving energy crisis page 22

# EEC warns America that countervailing duties on exports are threat to Geneva trade talks

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, Oct 17

Notice was served on the United States by the EEC here today that the Community would refuse to conclude the current round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTNs) in Geneva so long as exports to America remained threatened by the imposition of countervailing duties.

This appears to mean that the MTNs are now practically certain to be prolonged beyond their December deadline.

Some member states urged immediate withdrawal from the negotiations to underline the EEC's extreme displeasure, but the majority view, shared by Mr Edmund Dell, Britain's Secretary of State for Trade, was that such a move would be precipitate.

However, although the EEC will continue to participate in the Geneva trade talks, Mr Dell and his colleagues made it clear that so long as the import tax threat remained the Community would be gravely hampered in bargaining on some of the key issues still outstanding.

Herr Klaus von Dohnanyi, Minister of State at the West German Foreign Office, and the current EEC president, said at a press conference: "No political trade-off can take place if the conditions for such a trade-off do not exist."

The EEC foreign affairs and trade ministers were reacting to the failure earlier this week of the American Congress to extend beyond next January 3 the President's waiver on the application of countervailing duties on subsidized imports into the United States.

Expiry of the waiver would lead to the automatic imposition of countervailing duties on an estimated $494m worth of EEC dairy exports to the United States. A much wider range of exports, including steel, could eventually be affected.

Congress will not reconvene before January 15, and Mr Dell, reporting to his colleagues on his talks earlier in the week in Washington, was understood to have been pessimistic about the chances of administrative action to extend the waiver in the meantime.

The threat to a successful conclusion of the MTNs now appears to be very serious, even though Congress could in theory pass legislation to extend the waiver by the end of next January.

It is acknowledged here that prolongation of the MTNs beyond the end of this year will reduce the chances of an increasingly protectionist Congress ever approving a final agreement.

For the moment, the EEC is less concerned about Congress's approval of measures which would exclude textile imports into the United States from any tariff reductions agreed in Geneva. The Community has reason to believe that President Carter will veto these provisions. Frank Vogl writes in Washington. The Carter Administration is still intent upon concluding the negotiations which are taking place under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) before the December 15 deadline set at the Bonn economic summit conference in mid-July.

Mr Robert Strauss, the special American trade representative, has told European officials that if a final trade pact is agreed by late November, he may well be able to ensure swift congressional ratification and ensure that the Congress extends the waiver on the imposition of countervailing duties as soon as it starts its new session next January 15.

Mr Strauss has apparently warned European officials, according to informed sources, that it might be difficult to obtain an extended waiver authority from Congress if the MTNs are not concluded before mid-January.

He has also stated that to ensure swift congressional approval of a new international trade agreement he would need at least four weeks to prepare the detailed legislation, and this could best be done before the new congressional season started.

Further, the sources state that American officials have told EEC officials that there is little scope for using administrative measures to delay the imposition of countervailing duties in January.

For this reason, say the Americans, it is absolutely imperative that Congress acts on January 15, and this will only be possible if the Geneva talks are concluded well before then.

Mr Strauss will go to Europe next month for what he hopes will be the final and critical round of Gatt negotiations. Yesterday he met Mr Dell, who then flew directly to Luxembourg for a meeting of the EEC Council of Ministers.

It is becoming increasingly apparent to all the parties to the Gatt talks that agreement on a final pact is of the utmost urgency.

Leading article, page 17

# Dollar's decline boosts pound over $2 briefly

By Caroline Atkinson

The dollar plunged again on the foreign exchange markets yesterday and pushed the pound briefly above $2 in the morning. The gold price soared to a record $228.125 an ounce.

Sterling soon came back and dealers reported that as soon as it neared the $2 level sellers came in and the rate dropped again. It closed at $1.9960.

The Deutsche mark was in most demand and it rose to a record against the dollar. After touching DM1.829 during the day it closed at DM1.838, 1¼ pfennig higher than Monday's close.

It has now appreciated by 6 per cent against the dollar in the past three weeks. Dealers say that they expect the demand for marks to continue strong, and the dollar to stay weak for at least a few weeks.

Some official intervention to bolster the dollar was evident in most major centres. The West German Federal Bank did not provide very strong support, according to some dealers.

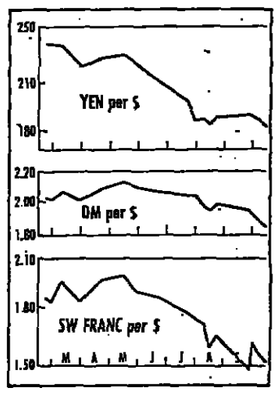
In New York the Fed was reported to have said that as what was happening was an orderly downward movement there was no need for official intervention.

The yen has moved back into the limelight in the last two days after a period of relative calm.

It rose to 181.1 to the dollar during trading yesterday, and finished at its best closing level of 181.7. Monday's close was 183.9. It has risen by nearly 2½ per cent against the dollar since the end of last week.

Sterling lost some ground against currencies other than the dollar yesterday as it failed to break decisively through the $2 barrier. Dealers thought that the Bank of England had stepped in at this level and that commercial holders were also selling sterling at this level.

Its effective rate index closed down 0.1 at 62.1 per cent of its end-1971 value yesterday.




# Wall Street prices tumble

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 17

The Federal Reserve System's top policy committee met today as share prices fell again on Wall Street, as the dollar continued to face pressure on the foreign exchange markets and as the government received record bids at its gold auction.

Wall Street closed today at 866.34, which is 8.83 down.

Almost certainly the trend of inflation was the prime topic at the Open Market Policy Committee meeting and its effect on securities, currencies and gold. Few people believe that the rate will drop below 8 per cent in the near future.

Yesterday saw the sharpest decline in almost four years in the Dow Jones average—almost 22 points. And the index fell more than 10 points in the first couple of hours.

But a flood of good third-quarter corporate results, coupled with the belief by some operators that the market may have fallen too far, produced a modest rally by mid-day.

The general anxiety over currency rates, together with inflation, were seen by traders as the main reasons for the high bids at the gold auction. One dealer said that 800,000 ounces had been bid for, compared with the 300,000 offered.

Offers from German and Swiss banks reached $228.67 (about £114) an ounce.

The Fed's committee does not publish its decisions until 30 days after its meetings, but should it agree today to tighten credit conditions again this will swiftly become evident in the Fed's dealings in the money market.

Figures today from the Fed show that for the second month in a row industrial output rose by a fairly healthy 0.5 per cent in September to take the gain in industrial production over the past 12 months to 6.5 per cent.

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# Lever Bros pledge on soap powder prices

By Derek Harris

Lever Brothers, the Unilever subsidiary which is market leader in the £150m a year washing powder and liquids market, has assured the Price Commission it will hold prices on a wide range of cleaning products until the end of next July.

This was one upshot yesterday of the commission's investigation of a 4.8 per cent average rise sought by Lever Brothers, an increase which was allowed by the commission during the investigation because it had no option under profit safeguard rules.

But the commission also urged Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to act to improve sometimes confusing pricing practices in the soaps and detergents market.

This will mean talks not only with Lever Brothers but with other manufacturers, particularly Procter & Gamble, the other sector leader.

The commission is about to complete a separate investigation into a Procter & Gamble price rise and Mr Hattersley is expected to wait for his before starting talks with manufacturers.

In its report on Lever Brothers the commission said that although so-called temporary price reductions were now used so extensively as a promotional tool—spending on advertising having declined since criticisms by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission—it had been unable to conclude that the use of such reductions was clearly against consumer interests.

But the greatest need in the soaps and detergent market was to make information about prices much clearer, said the Commission. "Money off" packs were a source of confusion and retailers' recommended prices were not set at "useful" levels.

Lever Brothers had offered to print recommended retail prices on both "money off" packs and "special price" marked items to try to offset any confusion and this could be a starting point for the talks with Mr Hattersley, the commission said.

If recommended prices were to be used at all, a substantial proportion of the product should be traded at or near those price levels and discounting should not be so extensive as to make recommended prices more than moderately higher than average list prices.

Lever Brothers' assurance of holding prices, provided there are no unforeseen exceptional cost increases, applies to Persil, Omo, Lux, Vim, Domestos and many similar products.

The commission said that strong competition among major retailers, combined with more own-brand products and growing price consciousness among consumers, was starting to produce real competition.

"Price Commission Investigation No 23: Lever Brothers Increases in Prices of Soaps and Detergents; to be published by HMSO.

# NEB winds up its tick facility for T & R

Executives of the National Enterprise Board have stopped the clock on the operations of Thwaites & Reed, the 200-year-old clockmaking company it acquired in May 1977. Instead of ticking happily and profitably into the export markets of the world with the aid of NEB funds, T & R has been clocking up losses, and management problems have clogged the works.

The state company has sustained a loss of close on £450,000 on its investment in the clockmaking company, but has found another potential repairer in the shape of F. W. Elliott, another quality clockmaker, who has paid £78,312 to take T & R off the NEB's shelf.

The purchase of 91 per cent of the equity of T & R was one of the board's first ventures into the smaller business field when the NEB was under the direction of Lord Ryder. That initial investment cost £240,000, but in the 11 months to the end of last year the company recorded a loss of £170,000.

During the year the company directed its main effort towards its new range of reproduction clocks. But delays in getting the range into production led to T & R missing the main selling season—hence the loss. In March this year the NEB implemented management changes and injected a further £180,000 and, by the end of the first half of the present financial year, the investment had cost £477,000.

The enforced disposal of the company will undoubtedly be seized upon by Opposition MPs who are not enamoured of the NEB's activities, when they return to Parliament, particularly since they will be constantly reminded of the investment by the chimes of Big Ben, which is maintained by T & R.

There are some rueful and embarrassed faces at the NEB. Privately, officials admit that the investment was recognized as a "high risk venture" although at the time Lord Ryder and his colleagues were confident of developing the company's export potential.

"Basically the problem was that the company was just too small and had to depend on outside suppliers for most of its parts", explained one official.

It has admitted that the T & R venture had hardly been a spectacular success for the board's policy of attempting to prime the small sector of British business, and had been privately, officials admit that F. W. Elliott, who produce wood case clocks, will be able to make something of T & R.

But with characteristic stiff upper lip the NEB insisted: "We believe this merger with F. W. Elliott to be in the best interests of the company, its employees: and of the British clock industry."

Peter Hill

# Rumbles over auditors' dismissal

By Michael Prest

With barely a month to go before the Sime Darby annual general meeting at which the company will have to explain to shareholders its decision to dismiss its auditors, Turquand, Youngs & Co, rumbles from institutional shareholders in London and individuals in the Far East suggest that the directors may have to do some hard talking.

The Sime report and accounts will be posted in about a week. Turquand will then have to decide, on the basis of what the Sime directors say about their being replaced by Price Waterhouse, whether to send a circular to shareholders. If the document is brief, in the nature of a letter, it can be prepared and sent at Sime's expense. But if it is more weighty like, say, a takeover document, the auditors may have to bear the cost of preparation.

Among the leading United Kingdom shareholders in Sime Darby are the Ciba-Geigy pension fund (260,000 shares), British Law Insurance, a subsidiary of Sun Alliance which acts as a trustee (240,000), and Ditton Investments, of Thames Ditton in Surrey (120,000). There also are 452,500 shares registered in Kuala Lumpur in the name of Prudential Assurance.

Sentiment among fund managers in the United Kingdom seems to be that there is no obvious reason for the switch of auditors, and that they will have to be convinced the change is good for Sime. Most, however, are reserving judgment until the report and accounts are published.

Individual shareholders in the Far East are not so patient, however. In a letter to the Business Times of Singapore, Mr Kenneth Chew declared: "I am sure other shareholders share my view that to change auditors simply because of the need to have 'bigness' is a lame excuse." And, indeed, his view is echoed by other correspondents, who challenge the Sime board to offer good reasons for the proposed change.

One of the biggest holders of Sime shares in the Far East is Great Eastern Life Assurance, which has 6.3 million shares on the register in Singapore and 8.6 million in Kuala Lumpur.

## How the markets moved

The Times index: 219.78+1.90
The FT index: 498.5+3.9

### Rises

| | |
|---|---|
| Durban Rood | 12p to 206p |
| Geevor Tin | 10p to 165p |
| Crim & Co | 7p to 104p |
| Empire Stores | 6p to 182p |
| Furness Withy | 6p to 240p |
| GUS | 6p to 318p |
| J. Haggas | 8p to 116p |
| Metal Box | 6p to 352p |
| Moss Bros | 7p to 127p |
| Muar River | 6p to 62p |
| W. J. Pyke | 4p to 52p |
| Racal Elect | 8p to 332p |
| Reckitt & Co | 8p to 505p |
| RTZ | 6p to 260p |
| Tronoh Mines | 15p to 230p |
| Ultramar | 9p to 232p |

### Falls

| | |
|---|---|
| BP | 8p to 906p |
| Broken Hill | 10p to 685p |
| De Beers Dfd | 6p to 390p |
| Hamersley | 6p to 184p |
| Jardine M'son | 10p to 251p |
| Libanon | 6p to 482p |
| MIM Hldgs | 7p to 196p |
| Moran | 10p to 335p |
| Nthgate Explor | 20p to 385p |
| Ricardo Eng | 18p to 330p |
| Steel Bros | 17p to 200p |
| Swire Pac 'A' | 6p to 149p |

Equities went better.
Gilt-edged improved.
Dollar premium 76.875 per cent (effective rate 35.72 per cent).
Sterling gained 70 pts to $1.9960.
The effective exchange rate index was at 62.1.

Gold gained $3.75 an ounce to $228.125.
SDR-$ was 1.30597 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.654490.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1514.3 (previous 1516.5).
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### THE POUND

| | Bank buys | Bank sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.76 | 1.70 |
| Austria Sch | 28.50 | 26.50 |
| Belgium Fr | 63.75 | 60.25 |
| Canada $ | 2.43 | 2.36 |
| Denmark Kr | 10.68 | 10.18 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.19 | 7.84 |
| France Fr | 8.75 | 8.35 |
| Germany Dm | 3.86 | 3.64 |
| Greece Dr | 73.75 | 69.75 |
| Hongkong $ | 9.60 | 9.15 |
| Italy Lr | 1670.00 | 1585.00 |
| Japan Yn | 390.00 | 365.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.21 | 3.98 |
| Norway Kr | 10.19 | 9.74 |
| Portugal Esc | 92.50 | 87.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 2.03 | 1.88 |
| Spain Pes | 148.00 | 141.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 8.90 | 8.50 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.20 | 2.98 |
| US $ | 2.04 | 1.98 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 43.00 | 40.50 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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# Indicators again show upturn in September

The leading indicators for Britain's economy once again pointed to an upturn in September, providing the second month in which they had suggested stronger activity during 1979. However, the upturn in the longer leading indicators during September was heavily influenced by an easing of interest rates during that month, which has since been reversed under pressure from the United States. There was also some recovery in the Stock Exchange.

The longer leading indicators were pointing towards a downturn in the economy from October 1977 to July of this year. These generally show activity in the economy about a year ahead.

Although one or two month's figures provide a very unreliable guide to the economy, a long term trend in the indicators is usually accepted as the way things are likely to move.

No such pattern is apparent from the short-term indicators, which seeks to predict the economy about six months ahead. They rose in August, having turned down in June. The shorter leading indicators for September are not available

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# M & S profit up 40pc despite overseas losses

Marks and Spencer's profits increased by over 40 per cent in the six months to the end of September.

At home, the group benefited from buoyant sales of both textiles and food, with turnover in the latter, in particular, increasing by 22.2 per cent to £205m, despite the price war in the High Street.

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# Davignon hope on EEC steel

Most of West Europe's steel companies will become profitable again next year, according to Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC's Commissioner for Industry.

Speaking in Luxembourg, he said that companies in the Community would have to obey the Commission's quota system on deliveries and keep prices to the minimum levels laid down by the EEC.

His forecasts of the industry's prospects will not be shared by many of the steel companies.

Burnishing their image page 23


BARR AND WALLACE ARNOLD TRUST LIMITED

Interim report for seven months ended 31st July 1978.

| | 7 months 1978 £ | 7 months 1977 £ | 12 months 1977 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| TURNOVER | 33,997,000 | 26,639,000 | 47,589,000 |
| DIVISIONAL PROFITS | | | |
| Holidays Division | 683,135 | 453,486 | 834,019 |
| Moto. Division | 402,751 | 342,132 | 582,812 |
| Computer Bureau Division | 224,101 | 167,587 | 304,585 |
| | 1,309,987 | 963,205 | 1,721,416 |
| Deduct Parent Company Interest and Expenses Less other Income | 78,126 | 60,815 | 126,134 |
| Profit before tax | 1,231,861 | 902,390 | 1,595,282 |
| Taxation Estimated | 415,000 | 258,000 | 454,552 |
| Profit after tax | 816,861 | 644,390 | 1,140,730 |
| Earnings per Ordinary & 'A' Ordinary Share of 25p | 20.71p | 16.33p | 28.80p |

Chairman, J. Malcolm Barr, states,

"For the year I anticipate a profit approximately 25% to 30% better than 1977. A scrip issue is to be proposed."

# Show ban on Ford to continue

By Clifford Webb

The Transport and General Workers' Union yesterday rejected an appeal by Ford to lift the "blacking" of its cars and commercial vehicles for display at the Birmingham International Motor Show.

A Ford spokesman said last night: "It is a great pity the union would not agree to lift their ban while the current pay talks continue. As a result the British market leader in cars and commercial vehicles will have wonderful stands but no products at the biggest motor show ever seen in this country."

When the international press arrive at the National Exhibition Centre today they will find plenty of embarrassed salesmen on the Ford stands but no vehicles.

Company chiefs will meet at the centre today to decide whether or not to retain their full staff throughout the show which opens to the public on Friday.

A last minute reprieve could still result in some cars being brought from "hiding" nearby and put on display.

# Haulage studies find no need for change

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

No major changes in Britain's road haulage industry are expected as a result of two government inquiries — by the Price Commission and the Foster Committee—whose reports are expected in the next few weeks.

Both give approval to an industry whose liberal licensing system is said to have led to undue fragmentation, "cowboy" operators, and unstable competition, leading to depressed rates and an unduly high level of bankruptcies.

The Price Commission inquiry, appointed by the Government after some Midland hauliers broke pay guidelines last year, finds that while costs and profits vary widely among hauliers there is no significant area of abuse.

# Cutback on India trouser imports

Imports of woven trousers from India are to be cut severely after a sharp rise in shipments over the past two years.

The Department of Trade last night announced a ceiling of 110,000 pieces for this year. In the first eight months of this year imports totalled 94,000 pieces. Last year the figure was 165,000 compared with 50,000 in 1976.

The department said the quota was not included in last year's EEC textile agreement with India. The decision to impose the new quota was made after representations from the United Kingdom to the Commission.

Crucial decision by BL Cars group not to go out in support

# SU toolmakers may end strike

By Clifford Webb

The 11-weeks-old strike by toolmakers at SU Fuel Systems appears to have collapsed. The 33 strikers are expected to vote for a return to work when they meet today.

This move comes after yesterday's decision by BL Cars' unofficial toolroom committee, led by Mr Roy Fraser, to defer strike action by 3,000 toolmakers in support of the SU men's claim for parity.

Some of the SU men lobbied yesterday's meeting. Afterwards they complained angrily that they had been let down and "could no longer carry the banner" on their own. "We have no alternative but to go back", one of them said.

But Mr George Regan, their leader, who is also a member of Mr Fraser's committee, would only say: "There will be a recommendation put to a meeting of the SU toolmakers tomorrow. I am not prepared to say what that is."

If the strike ends today, it will be a bitter blow to Mr Fraser in his long battle with his union on the one hand and BL management on the other. When the national executive of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers voted to expel the SU men for taking unofficial action and refusing to meet the district committee, it gave Mr Fraser the cause célèbre he had been looking for.

There is little doubt that BL toolmakers would have walked out in large numbers in sympathy with their SU colleagues if the union had pressed ahead with the expulsions.

However, by deferring action, union leaders put Mr Fraser in a very exposed position. Since then, his support has waned. Some plants have even held meetings to oppose him.

The final blow came from management. Unofficial reports stemming from BL Cars Joint Negotiating Committee, suggest that in recent negotiations the company has agreed to create a five-grade pay structure instead of the four originally proposed. The additional grade is being created to cover top-level skilled workers, including toolmakers.

This will go a long way towards meeting the toolmakers' demands for the restoration of skilled differentials and parity throughout the company.

# Oil chief's five steps to survive energy crisis

New York, October 17.—An "enormous amount" remained to be done if the world was to survive the severe energy crisis forecast by some commentators for the late 1980s, Sir David Steel, chairman of British Petroleum, told businessmen today.

Speaking to the British-American Chamber of Commerce he spelt out five specific areas of action.

There must be sufficient economic incentive to invest in alternative energy sources and in energy conservation and efficiency. An environment was required where the terms set by Government were stable and gave reasonable prospects of returns to the investor.

Governments must avoid over-regulation.

A balance was needed between environmental concern and energy development.

The oil producing countries needed economic and political incentives to relax self-imposed production limits, in the near future, while longer term alternatives were developed.

The United States and some other countries must alter policies that prevented domestic oil and gas prices rising to world levels.

Sir David said: "When I talk of incentives I am talking about price increases. But let us look at thi sin the right context.

"A price increase, to be significant, would presumably require to be more than sufficient to offset the erosion of the crude price in real terms (which since 1974 has been at least 20 per cent) and enough to activate development projects for new OECD non-oil supplies, and for energy-saving investment.

"We may, therefore, be talking of money increases over the next five years of theorder of maybe 30 per cent. This order of increase over a five year period should certainly not endanger our economies and is far from the 'doubling in real terms'

"All the trends I have described would be reinforced if there were price increases along these lines.

"These would encourage Opec countries to relax their self-imposed production limits: much depends on Saudi Arabian policy and the way it balances the needs of other Opec members for revenue against its desire to avoid disrupting the world economic balance.

"Such price increases would also help to unblock the policies, especially in the United States, which prevent internal prices from rising to world levels

# BP's relationship with Government strained

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent

Relations between the Department of Energy and British Petroleum have become strained over differences on policy relating to international business affairs.

It is felt that the special relationship between the Government and BP is unsatisfactory. This may have provided the background to the acceptance by Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, of a motion at the Labour Party's conference at Brighton calling for the company's nationalization.

Links between the Government and BP go back to 1914 when Sir Winston Churchill bought into the company to safeguard oil supplies for the Royal Navy. Two Government representatives now sit on the BP board and the Treasury holds a 51 per cent stake.

The relationship between Government and BP was settled in exchanges known as the Bradbury/Bridges correspondence. These left BP as a commercial company which would consult the government over matters impinging on foreign policy.

It is this arrangement which has caused the problems. Mr Benn is thought to feel it might work better if the Energy Ministry, rather than the Treasury, held the shares.

Specifically the department complains that BP failed to consult it until 24 hours before the announcement of a deal to take over Veba interests in West Germany; that BP made arrangements with the French over drilling in the South-west approaches without consultation; made payments to Italian politicians, and undermined the British position on EEC refinery policy.

On top of that, there were the disclosures in the Bingham report concerning the supplying of oil to Rhodesia in defiance of sanctions.

Mr Benn is understood to be thinking of ways of making the Bradbury/Bridges guidelines more effective.

Michael Baily writes: Oil and petrol prices will start to rise again in real terms "very soon", Sir Nevil Macready, managing director of Mobil Oil, said yesterday.

The temporary glut in world oil supplies and surplus refining capacity since the 1974 crisis had caused oil fuel prices to fall, he told the Road Haulage Association in Eastbourne. But with continued heavy investmen by the oil industry and rising demand for products—nearly 7 per cent for petrol and 3 per cent for derv in the United Kingdom so far this year—prices undoubtedly would start to rise again shortly.

# Cabinet debates 5-year expenditure prospects

By David Blake

The Cabinet yesterday discussed the Government's spending plans for the next five years as part of the annual exercise in drawing up the next White Paper, which is expected to be published early in the New Year.

Ministers are thought to have discussed plans drawn up for them by officials before the summer holidays. These plans are thought to envisage a growth in the planned level of public spending of about 2 per cent a year after a very sharp increase in the current financial year.

The last published White Paper deliberately left a considerable amount of the projected growth in public spending unallocated as part of the contingency reserve. There is thus a considerable amount of money for ministers to try to appropriate for their own departments

There seems, however, little prospect that ministers will succeed in reopening the question of whether the overall rate of growth in public spending is correct.

**CYCLICAL INDICATORS FOR THE UK ECONOMY**

The following table is based on the CSO corporate indices of the business cycle in the United Kingdom published yesterday:

| | Longer leading (4 indicators) | Shorter leading (5 indicators) | Coincident (6 indicators) | Lagging (5 indicators) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1977 | | | | |
| Oct | 113.6 | 114.3 | 102.6 | 91.4 |
| Nov | 111.6 | 114.0 | 103.3 | 91.9 |
| Dec | 110.0 | 115.8 | 104.0 | 92.8 |
| 1978 | | | | |
| Jan | 109.0 | 117.2 | 105.0 | 93.6 |
| Feb | 108.4 | 116.7 | 105.4 | 94.5 |
| March | 106.0 | 117.5 | 107.1 | 95.6 |
| April | 103.9 | 116.4 | 108.6 | 96.8 |
| May | 101.5 | 114.9 | 110.5 | 98.2 |
| June | 100.3 | 114.5 | 111.4 | 98.8 |
| July | 99.8 | 115.5 | 113.3 | 98.9 |
| Aug | 100.4 | 116.0 | 114.7 | 98.9 |
| Sept | 101.2 | — | — | 100.4 |

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## How UK is playing fair with fish

*From the President of the British Fishing Federation*

Sir, The heading "EEC fisheries policy: is Britain playing fair?" is a supreme irony for the fishing industry.

The short answer is: "Yes". The irony is that this is a game where the traditional British rules of equity and fair play do not apply. It was rigged from the outset when the original Six cobbled together a common fisheries policy designed to give them enormous benefits at the expense of the incoming coastal states.

One of these, Norway, did not like the rules of the EEC's fisheries game and opted out. We, having gone in, are simply trying to amend the rules to ensure fair play and fair shares.

Continental cynicism can, if it so wishes, interpret Mr Silkin's attitude as a political move to win favour in British coastal constituencies; but as far as fishermen are concerned the stakes are far higher than the political colour of marginal fishing port seats.

It's the future we are playing for—continental fishermen's as well as our own.

Accustomed as we are to dealing with non-partisan British civil servants we must share the minister's concern over the importunate intervention of a commission official. That's another twist in the rules that falls outside our concept of fair play.

If political manoeuvring is the subject we must record the suspicion of self-interest we have long held in this respect. As we have frequently pointed out, fish is the *only resource* over which the Community claims an overriding power—and the administration of that gives the commission a real power it cannot enjoy in any other sphere of Community activity.

So far as the fabricated indignation over the Mourne Fishery is concerned, that truly must be a red herring in the classic tradition. The provision of a mere 400 tonnes for a small coastal community is insignificant in the context of the real issues of conservation which the rest of the Community persistently refuse to face. What we want to tackle is the hundreds of thousands of tonnes that are indiscriminately caught by the destructive use of small mesh nets that deny immature fish the chance to grow and reproduce for the benefit of future generations of all fishermen.

As the very necessary herring conservation measures have been linked with the Hague resolution providing for a doubling of the Irish catch, we might point out that the fact that Mr Silkin has not mentioned that increase does not mean that he, or Britain, opposes it. In fact British fishermen are only too pleased to see their Irish counterparts grow and flourish.

At the same time the Hague *resolution did not specify* that the Irish growth should be at the expense of British fishermen or, more importantly, the future of the fish stocks.

Moreover, despite what Irish politicians (and commission officials) might say the Irish fishermen are very well aware of what their own national resource contributes to the EEC total, with more than 60 per cent of the fish being within Britain's 200-mile maritime limits and a further 20 per cent or more in Ireland's.

Britain is playing fair by the fish and playing fair by the future. If the game is not going the way the EEC (and also, it would now seem, its civil servants) wish, might it not be, as we have been saying for so long, that the rules were unfair to begin with?

Yours faithfully,

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## Spick and span at Paris Motor Show

*From Mr Harry Cressman*

Sir, With reference to your Business Diary column of October 10 re the Paris Motor Show. Many members of the press and motor industry were touring the exhibition on Wednesday, October 4, which was a "build day". The show officially opened to the press on Thursday morning, October 5, and to the public in the afternoon.

*I was in the exhibition at* 8.30 on October 5 and did a quick tour of the halls. I did not see a single stand not completed and furthermore not a sign of any rubbish in the gangways. In fact, the overnight change from Wednesday was a miracle of organization.

It only remains to be seen if we can emulate the French and have a spick and span motor show to present Britain in a favourable light to the world's motoring press.

Yours faithfully,
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## Rise in house prices

*From Mr Robert McCrindle, MP for Brentwood and Ongar (Conservative)*

Sir, In reporting that house prices have risen by 21 per cent on average over the past year, you quote the secretary general of the Building Societies' Association as saying that the situation is worrying. Certainly, it is always unfortunate if the prospective buyer has to pay more but could it not be that house prices are reflecting the pent-up demand allied to the marginally increased standard of living and that they are indeed finding the level people are prepared to pay?

*Is there not also an argument* for saying that the cash purchaser has been bidding up prices in the knowledge that the building societies, having been obliged to reduce their lending, now have a waiting list of some three to four months. *In these circumstances, is not* the Government's action proving to have been ineffective in holding down prices and responsible for the growing queue of mortgage applications.

Perhaps this is a classic example of government interference in a free market, achieving precisely the opposite effect of that intended.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT McCRINDLE,
*House of Commons*,
London, SW1.

## Traded options taxation

*From the Chairman of the Traded Options Committee*

Sir, I will not attempt to dispel a number of misconceptions in Alison Mitchell's article on traded options tax treatment (October 13).

I must, however, correct at least one important error of *fact in that article and say that* I have never felt that the reversal of the current tax position presented "little hope for a reversal". I have always considered that the undoubted fairness of the arguments for a change will eventually prevail.

Yours faithfully,

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October 13.

## Debts from prewar China

*From Mr G. K. Tyrrell*

Sir, In the financial column of October 6 there was an article about a trade mission to China which is about to leave this country.

The members are undoubtedly leaders in their own sphere of activity and as such should be well aware that China are in default on all the bonds they issued prior to the last war. Surely the mission should not be a party to providing new credits to the Bank of China for on-lending to Chinese nationals unless the Government of China at least acknowledges responsibility for these prewar debts and perhaps writing into the terms of any new credit lines terms of repayment for their prewar indebtedness.

Yours truly,

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## Demolition of prestressed concrete

*From Professor A. J. Harris*

Sir, The demolition of any major structure needs the help of an experienced chartered engineer; given that help, the presence in the structure of prestressed concrete entails no special hazards.

It would be a pity if the imposition by the City of London of special regulations for prestressed concrete structures should result in discouraging the use of a well-tried and valuable structural technique.

Yours truly,

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## Designing heavy lorries

*From Mr Patrick M. Kennett*

Sir, It is a pity that Mr J. V. Waterford's letter "Designing a *less damaging lorry*" October 12, did not include his qualifications and appointment, for without those his views merely add to the hundreds of published items of uninformed layman's claptrap on the highly-specialized subject of truck design and operation.

The arguments about axle weights and taxation have been going on for years, both here and in Brussels, and any eventual decision will almost certainly be a politically-orientated compromise, with scant regard to the engineering, economic or environmental facts of the matter.

The point is that once a firm common structure of weights and dimensions is agreed, legislated for, and given a life expectancy of at least eight or 10 years, the engineers would be in a position to apply their considerable talents to building trucks that are socially acceptable as regards noise, safety, road wear and so on, as well as economically acceptable in keeping to a *minimum the transport-cost* content of goods for our shops and industry.

Until such time, their efforts are inevitably fragmented and dissipated by having to build to a variety of different specifications to suit individual markets, and that forces production compromises which are far too broad for comfort, particularly in the areas of axles, suspension and braking, but also in engines and transmissions. Managers of any large truck builders will *tell you that around 40 per cent* of their entire effort and budget in engineering goes into catering for innumerable small differences in legislation requirements in different markets.

On dimensions Mr Waterford is a long way off-route. The only size structure resembling his figures is to be found in the United States where conditions bear no relationship to Europe. The European operators and manufacturers are quite happy with the existing 2.5 metre width and 4.0 metre height limits. Any increases would, respectfully, render obsolete the entire European unit loads handling system which is built round ISO standards for containers, and effectively ban the majority of trucks from European motorways with their thousands of 4.05-4.1m bridges.

The call for a legal increase in length for an articulated truck from the current 15m to something like 15.5m is well founded. With that extra 18 inches or so, the existing 40-ISO unit load (which is not going to get any larger, just a little heavier) could be accommodated on the truck with better axle weight distribution, and better relationship between load, coupling, and cab unit, all of which would contribute appreciably to the stability and safety which we all agree is of paramount importance.

Might I add that despite the assertion that the heavy goods vehicle is "dangerous", MOT/DTp records show that the heavy *truck has a better accident-per*-million-vehicle-miles record than any other class of road user, and moreover that record has steadily improved over the last 12 years.

Nobody would claim that the heavy truck is totally safe—what is these days? It is, however, a great deal safer than many people imagine, and could be made a lot safer still if engineers and designers were free to ply their skills without undue interference from a maze of conflicting and often unnecessary regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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# Marks & Spencer

The unaudited trading results of the Group for the first half of the financial year ending 31st March 1979 are announced as follows:—

| | 26 Weeks Ended: 30th Sept. 1978 £000 | 1st Oct. 1977. £000 | Inc/(Dec) % |
|---|---|---|---|
| **SALES** (excluding Sales Taxes) | | | |
| **UK stores:** | | | |
| Clothing and other merchandise | 433,100 | 356,494 | 21.5 |
| Foods | 205,191 | 167,893 | 22.2 |
| Direct Export sales outside the Group | 13,200 | 16,556 | (20.3) |
| | 651,491 | 540,943 | 20.4 |
| **Overseas stores:** | | | |
| Europe | 10,539 | 8,149 | 29.3 |
| Canada | 26,155 | 30,022 | (12.9) |
| **TOTAL GROUP SALES** | 688,185 | 579,114 | 18.8 |

| | 26 Weeks Ended: 30th Sept. 1978 £000 | 1st Oct. 1977. £000 | Inc/(Dec) % |
|---|---|---|---|
| **PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION** | | | |
| UK (Before Profit Sharing) | 76,261 | 55,277 | 38.0 |
| Europe | loss (482) | loss (479) | |
| Canada | loss (2,835) | loss (2,783) | |
| **GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION** | 72,944 | 52,015 | 40.2 |
| **TAXATION** | | | |
| UK | 34,300 | 24,700 | |
| Overseas | 10 | (217) | |
| | 34,310 | 24,483 | |
| **GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION** | 38,634 | 27,532 | |
| Loss attributable to minority interests | 1,176 | 1,065 | |
| **NET PROFIT AFTER TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO MARKS & SPENCER LIMITED** | 39,810 | 28,597 | 39.2 |
| Earnings per Share (Pence) | 3.06p | 2.20p* | |

The total value of Exports from the UK, including shipments to overseas subsidiaries, was £21,153,000 (last year £25,027,000).

*The earnings and dividends per share figures for last year have been adjusted to take account of the scrip issue made in August 1978.

St Michael

## STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN
### The Hon. Sir Marcus Sieff, O.B.E., B.A.

We enjoyed good increases in our store sales in the UK during the first six months of the current financial year; in particular at stores which have been extended such as Chester, Oxford, Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds. Margins have been maintained and costs are under control so that the final trading profit is substantially higher than last year. We anticipate continued good progress during the second six months.

No provision has been made for deferred taxation. Only taxation estimated as actually payable has been charged against the profit and last year's charge has been adjusted accordingly.

Exports of ready-made clothing have been disappointing. Tariff barriers and quotas in some countries have prevented us from developing our business as seemed likely a year ago. We are exploring other areas of the world and have achieved some initial success.

European results are encouraging. We have taken firm steps to stem the losses at our Lyon store by reducing footage and are expecting good results from the forthcoming extension at our major Paris store in Boulevard Haussmann. The costs of reducing our operations in Lyon and of the development in Paris totalled £976,000 which has been charged against the six months' results.



The sales comparisons in Canada have been distorted by exchange rates, which are materially different from last year. Expressed in Canadian dollars, sales in Canada have increased by 7%. Trading in the Marks and Spencer Division has shown a considerable improvement over the same period last year. Whilst we are opening new stores in suitable shopping malls, it has been necessary to bear the costs of a number of closures in unsuitable locations and to provide for the expected cost of some further closures which will take place in the future. The total of such costs amounted to £1,118,000 and was charged during the half year. The other two trading divisions — Peoples and D'Allairds — continue to show good progress.

We expect to be able to increase substantially our dividends for the year. The Directors have accordingly declared an interim dividend of 1.15 pence per share, costing £14,946,000, compared with 0.85 pence last year, costing £11,033,000. Together with its associated tax credit, this represents an equivalent gross amount of 1.7164 pence per share compared with 1.2879 pence last year, an increase of 33%. The interim dividend will be paid on 12th January 1979 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Members at the close of business on 17th November 1978.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Marks and Spencer makes hay at home

half year to the end of September ned a period of remarkable buoyancy etail sales; but the growth in Marks Spencer's United Kingdom turnover has more remarkable still. Textile sales eased by 21.5 per cent, of which some ir cent reflected price inflation: and sales, notwithstanding the High Street e war, rose by 22.2 per cent to put the p in line for the title of one of the est of the United Kingdom's food lers. These gains were generated out of ng space rather less than 4 per cent ter than it was in the corresponding od of 1977, so it is not surprising that gins overall are very much the better, pre-tax profits showing a 40.2 per cent at £72.9m.

ll the same, it has not been roses all way. Europe isstill making losses (admitly after exceptionals of £976,000 relating he reduction of footage in Lyons and ansion of that in Paris); and Canada is



Marcus Sieff, chairman of Marks and Spencer

l in the red, too, although the extent of downturn is disguised by parity changes. each case there are hopes of improvent "soon": effectively, though, Marks Spencer has yet to prove itself in these markets.

One question for investors is whether that tters. Over the longer-term it must: spite the occasional introduction of new es at home (wine, and more recently ords), sooner rather than later Marks d Spencer is going to saturate the United ngdom market. Still, while the company producing so much growth at home the nger-term can be left to look after itself. ily the question which then arises is how ng that will be.

Assuming that the Government manages hold the line on pay, but that the rate inflation starts to accelerate next year, would not be all that long; not even Marks d Spencer is immune to checks in the owth of retail spending. The company ould make £160m pre-tax quite comfortly this year, and the promise of a "substantial" increase in the dividend implies yield of at least 5 per cent at 86p. But if e buoyancy in retail sales that has fired is latest growth tails off, and there is thing in the way of a contribution from erseas to replace it, that would not prevent e shares from suffering a period of relative underperformance.

Furness Withy

## Riding the recession

n comparison with P & O and Ocean, urness Withy's first half figures are mpressive. Pre-tax profits are, admittedly, own from £13.3m to £5.8m, but the damage as come from associates—partly OCL but nore particularly Kingsnorth Marine Drilling and Ore Carriers which made losses—nd from lower ship sale profits than from urness's own trading, which emerged a urprising £500,000 higher. Bulk shipping nd chartering turned in modest losses but eneral shipping and Manchester Liners oth managed to nudge profits ahead, despite the adverse circumstances. Where P & O has proved vulnerable in the Middle East and Ocean in the West Africa trades, Furness's strength in North and South America and its generally broad base in the liner trades have enabled it to ride through the shipping recession relatively unharmed. The offshore investments, meanwhile, are paying off handsomely with a £1.3m swing-round to a profit of £1m. Investment income is down and interest payments are up, reflecting the continued high investment in ships, but the big £100m spending programme comes to an end next year and thereafter the balance sheet should strengthen progressively.

Furness's resilience could prove to be crucial ammunition. Eurocanadian, with 20 per cent, must divest at least half of that before the end of 1979. A further 20 per cent or so is apparently spoken for by merchant bank Rea Brothers so a bid is an obvious possibility. It is, indeed, already implicit in the shares at 240p, selling at over 10 times earnings assuming £12m profit for the year. With recent reorganization benefits feeding through Furness could be good for growth of a quarter next year and the timing looks good. The question of course is whether European Ferries, with 5 per cent of Furness, could do better.

Brooke Bond Liebig

## Expansion plans

Brooke Bond Liebig's results give a clear enough indication of recent turmoil in the tea market. After a gain of almost two-fifths at the interim stage final profits are down 16 per cent to £41.7m—excluding a £3m disposals surplus. But the outcome was rather better than some feared and the shares gained a penny to 49½p.

With overseas results flat the downturn has been in the UK. Coming to terms with the collapse in tea prices and the trading hiatus caused by the Price Commission's intervention cut profits by around £7m to £16m.

In volume terms Brooke Bond has probably suffered worse than its rival, Lyons, by surrendering market share mainly to own-label rather than degrade its premium brands. Now with auction prices at less than half the 230p a kilo reached early last year there are strong hopes that equilibrium has at last returned to the market and that prices and consumption will start moving upwards although much still depends on the quality of the crucial North India crop.

More importantly from Brooke Bond's point of view is the fact that the boom and consequent slump have helped completely transform the balance sheet.

With the cash release from stocks, which incidentally would replace a previous year's CCA cost of sales adjustment debit of £42m with a credit of over £10m, BBL has been able to cut gearing from around 36 per cent to just over 20 per cent while retaining high liquidity. It could, for example, take a US acquisition of up to $50m in its stride, while the group has not given up hope about coming to a compromise with the Australian government over its blocked £21m takeover bid of tea and coffee group, Bushells.

Meanwhile, prospects of some recovery in the UK compensating for deterioration in plantation results suggest a similar profits outcome for the current year. The shares are on a p/e ratio of around 6 and yield 9.3 per cent and solidly supported, though they could remain in the doldrums until expansion plans take shape.

● *Short-term money market rates were up by a quarter point or more again yesterday and the view that the authorities will not want to let Minimum Lending Rate rise at least until next month is rapidly giving way to the feeling that they may have no choice but to lift it by a point or more this Thursday. There is, however, much confusion about the Bank of England's intentions. Last Friday the discount houses were fully expecting to be reined back on rates at the Treasury bill tender, and when they were not they promptly bid rates up in the belief that the Bank was prepared to see them higher. That, more than anything else, explains this week's rapid rise in short-term rates.*

*The houses are holding unusually large amounts of paper just now and, indeed, may be very close to their maximum permitted levels. Anxious to reduce commitments they have been pushing rates higher in the hope of attracting buyers but so far to no avail. One school argues that if the Bank holds MLR unchanged this week, thereby demonstrating it does not want rates higher, the investors who are presently in the overnight market would begin to buy bills and short rates would go down as fast as they have gone up.*

*Local authority yearling bond rates, meanwhile, are up to 11 per cent this week from 10⅝ per cent, the highest level for 18 months. Except for high demand (for instance, from building societies) and relatively low weekly issue volumes in recent weeks, moreover, the rate could be a half point or more higher.*

# State industries and government: an uneasy relationship

Proposals to increase the ability of government ministers to intervene in the running of nationalized enterprises are likely to be included in the Queen's Speech. Nicholas Hirst and Malcolm Brown examine the present record of conflict

Parliament has been at some pains this year to find a solution to the problem of the relationship between government and nationalized industries.

In April a White Paper put forward proposals "designed to reconcile the purposes of public ownership with the independence needed for vigorous and enterprising management; and to ensure that the nationalized industries employ resources efficiently to the benefit of the whole community".

The same month a draft Bill on the electricity supply industry showed in detail how these proposals would look when included in legislation. The duties of the corporations would be enlarged and the powers of government to intervene greatly increased.

The White Paper unashamedly attempts to bring intervention out in the open. "It is wrong in principle," the document states, "that a minister cannot statutorily intervene in specific matters of major importance subject to the approval of Parliament."

Such intervention is considered "entirely appropriate" by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries, which, in a report last month on the draft electricity Bill elaborated on how parliamentary scrutiny could work.

A good deal less enthusiasm is being shown by state industry chiefs themselves, who, in memoranda to the select committee published this week, blew a blast of cold air over the idea of specific powers of direction for sponsoring ministers.

The White Paper and the draft Bill are genuine attempts to give more power to ministers and to bring the exercise of that power into the open. Until now the sponsoring minister has been able to give only directions of a general character on matters appearing to him to affect the national interest, and directions on particular subjects—of an uncontroversial nature—which are specified in the enabling statutes.

This has had two effects. First, that "general" power—which is couched in the vaguest of terms in the various statutes establishing state enterprises—has very rarely been used. In 1952 a Conservative minister of transport used it to stop London bus fares rising and in 1971 Mr Christopher Chataway used it to bring to heel Lord Hall, chairman of the Post Office.

Secondly, the lack of any statutorily backed powers of intervention other than this to deal with matters deemed politically important has led to what Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, has described as "an appalling record of private arm twisting".

Mr Benn would have to look no further than his own department for examples. Last year he wished to order the second Drax power station in the face of electricity board disapproval. Unable to issue a specific direction on this matter he became embroiled in a long drawn out wrangle with the board in which he eventually emerged the victor, but only after an enormous amount of bad feeling had been generated and the Government had promised to embody compensation provisions in the Bill to reorganize the electricity industry.

Having examined the breakdown of relations between government and state enterprises, Parliament could have moved towards a greater separation of the executive and the nationalized industries. (One experiment in distancing the government from public sector industry, is, after all, well established in the form of the National Enterprise Board, though this particular model would hardly be appropriate to the nationalized industries.) Instead, Parliament has decided to define more precisely the circumstances in which intervention should be permitted.

At the same time it wants to increase parliamentary scrutiny by making directions through statutory instrument subject to approval by the Commons. If the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries has its way, it will investigate any directions before they are implemented.

The roots of the present troubled relationships between government and state enterprises are to be found in the manner in which public ownership has developed.

Politicians have been embroiled in the dialectics of nationalization since the last century, when already there were demands for the nationalization of railways, land and coal mines. But for most people the public ownership debate is identified with one man, Herbert Morrison, and the post-war Labour Government. The Bank of England was nationalized—a largely symbolic gesture since that institution had long since ceased to act as a private profit-making body—and was followed by coal, the railways, road haulage, canals and docks.

Electricity generation and distribution were put under a central authority in 1948 and the gas industry entered the public domain in 1949. The Iron and Steel Act received the Royal Assent late in 1949.

The National Economic Development Office study of nationalized industries, which was published in 1976 and sparked off much of the present debate, identified four main types of ministerial powers which, in one form or another, were provided for in enabling statutes of the Morrison era: all board appointments were to be made by the sponsoring minister; ministers were given power to approve general lines of capital development and research and development programmes; borrowings and management of reserves and revenue surpluses became subject to ministerial approval; and ministers were given powers of general direction in the national interest.

These powers have been buttressed and developed since the Morrison period to take account of changing circumstances. The Select Committee on Nationalized Industries was formed in 1952 to ensure more accountability to Parliament. In the 1960s guidelines on pricing policy investment criteria and financial objectives were introduced. But the original principles of control have remained (at least formally) the bedrock on which government-state enterprise relations have rested.

These statutory provisions were part of an attempt to translate into legislative form the concept of public ownership. The problem is that a central feature of the public ownership idea—that the various enterprises should operate "at arm's length" from the Government—has proved extraordinarily difficult to put into practice.

This principle went hand in hand with an almost metaphysical belief by the Labour Party that, although working at arm's length, there would be an empathy between Governments and state enterprises such that both would share a common view of what constituted "the national interest".

The statutory basis for control remained pretty well unaltered between 1946 and the mid-1970s but in these 30 years it became increasingly clear that the "identity of interest" doctrine was coming under severe strain.

Some of the statutory powers were very flexible and could be used (sometimes misused) to bolster this principle. The ministers' Power of appointment is an example.

Thus the appointment of Lord Glenamara (formerly Mr Edward Short, Leader of the House of Commons) as chairman of Cable and Wireless might be seen as an attempt to help establish a common view between the Government and that corporation, although his harsh words about the Government's treatment of state industry board's pay has caused a breach.

A highly controversial appointment—which it must be assumed was really the handiwork of the then Mr Harold Wilson, Prime Minister at the time—was the 1967 transfer of Lord Hill of Luton from the chairmanship of the Independent Television Authority to the corresponding post at the BBC, a move which was read as a slap in the face for a corporation which had been mightily displeasing the Government.

It has become clear, however, that powers such as these are limited and have been insufficient to stop the deterioration in relations between government and state industries.

A more fundamental attempt to reestablish the "arm's length" principle was made in the 1961 and 1967 White Papers on the economic and financial obligations and objectives of nationalized industries, which recognized the breakdown in relationships and attempted to restore the balance by a clear instruction to the state industries to act commercially.

In a stable economic climate this clear division of responsibilities—the industries acting as commercial entities while Government looked after the social input—might just have worked. But in the late sixties and the seventies it was to be a recipe for continuing and persistent conflict.

Lord Melchett, the then chairman of the British Steel Corporation and a resolute champion of "commercialization", was one of the first to feel the full weight of the Government's "persuasive" powers when in the early 1970s a joint steering group of BSC personnel and civil servants was set up, ostensibly to help the corporation over its financial problems. In fact, the group, which was chaired by a senior civil servant, began to cut the ground from under Lord Melchett's feet and was felt by the board to be usurping its functions.

His successor, Sir Monty Finniston, also came under great pressure and responded to "arm twisting" over the corporation's long-term development plan by publicly reprimanding the Government for interference in the industry. Appearing before the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries early in 1976 to answer questions on the corporation's annual report, Sir Monty blamed the Government for delaying implementation of the plan and interfering in pricing policies.

Two months later Mr Eric Varley, the sponsoring minister, informed Sir Monty that he would not be renewing his contract, which lapsed in September.

Mid-March, 1976, was a bad time for state industry-Government relations. On the same day that Mr Varley told Sir Monty that he would be losing his job, British Rail's Sir Richard Marsh—another harsh critic of government interference—told Mr Anthony Crosland, then Secretary of State for the Environment, that he would not be seeking reappointment.

Later the same year Sir Arthur Hawkins, who had by then assumed the mantle of chief critic, was told by Mr Benn that he would not be reappointed as chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board. Sir Arthur, who said bluntly that the running of state industries could not be safely placed in the hands of politicians or civil servants, had tried since his appointment in 1972 to prevent the Government giving directives on electricity generation policy.

By the mid-Seventies interventionism was finding itself enshrined in legislation. The 1974 Railways Act gave the Government much greater powers to intervene in policy-making—a *quid pro quo* for heavily increased financial support.

But the most clearly interventionist piece of legislation was the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act in 1975 which set up the British National Oil Corporation. The sponsoring minister has overriding control of BNOC policies and is given power to give either general or specific directions "as the Secretary of State thinks fit".

Parliament now has a choice. It can either attempt to stop ministerial interference with the commercial operations of the nationalized industries or it can legitimize that interference under strict (Parliamentary) controls.

In one sense it may be something of a Hobson's choice. Putting up further bars to interference may simply encourage ministers to be even more devious in "arm twisting". On the other hand, the proposals for more parliamentary scrutiny put up by the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries in its report last month could also backfire.

Subjecting suggested ministerial interventions—which are often based heavily on political considerations—to prior scrutiny could have the effect of making ministers more circumspect in their interference. But it might simply drive them to seek more effective "private" means of getting their way.

# The Bresciani burnish their image

John Earle

Milan

Alleged dumping by the Italian steel bar manufacturers known as the "Bresciani" should no longer be a cause of complaints from other member states of the European Community. The Bresciani, the association of small private Italian steel makers, has with Brussels' blessing set up a centralized office for coordinating foreign sales and allocating orders. Member companies undertake to respect Community minimum prices and target delivery tonnages.

Earlier this year accusations of dumping were being used in Britain about the Bresciani, and the Government was urged to intervene with the EEC for action to be taken. Imports of merchant bars—certain types of steel bars—to Britain, it was objected, had risen from an average 2,000 tons a month in 1977 to 8,500 tons in February. The Bresciani—so called because 84 of these private firms are located near Brescia—did not enjoy a good image abroad, especially following fines imposed on several of them by the Community for undercutting prices.

Italy produces 52 per cent and 25 per cent respectively of the concrete reinforcing bars and merchant bars which are in surplus on the markets of the Nine and the subject of fierce competition. Four fifths of Italian output is sold on the home market. The rest goes mainly to West Germany and France, while Britain takes smaller quantities of merchant bars.

Officials at the manufacturers' representative body, Industria si Derurgica Associati (ISA), minimize the extent of the dispute, saying they always had good working relations with their counterparts in Community countries. It is, they say, mainly a question of size. Their member firms are mostly mini-steelworks, whose electric furnaces process ferrous scrap into a limited range of products.

A typical manufacturer near Brescia would have a yearly output of 150,000-200,000 tons and a workforce of around 300. They are, in their own words, very flexible, very adaptable to customers' demands, very un-bureaucratic, and cheap. The complaints, they maintain, are inspired by the loss-making giants of the industry in other parts of Europe, which have been unable to cope with the world steel crisis.

The officials reject the criticisms commonly levelled against them. Their members, they say, do not sell under cost, but make an honest profit. They do not receive subsidies from outside, unless it has been a few cases of "cassa integrazione" payments from the government's temporary redundancy fund for limited periods of time.

They do not underpay their employees, saying this would never be accepted by the highly unionized workforces, and their wages are in fact well above the national minima as there is a shortage of skilled labour.

Exchanges during the spring and summer reached what the officials call a "gentleman's agreement" to self-regulate exports of concrete reinforcing bars and merchant bars. The Italian press has reported agreed monthly levels of 5,000-6,000 tons of merchant bars to Britain, 21,000 tons to France and 25,000 tons to West Germany.

ISA maintains that the levels are not hard and fast and if exceeded in one month the surplus will be worked off by under-delivering in succeeding months. The general consideration, it is stated, is that Italy will not export to another Community partner more than 20 per cent of that partner's consumption.

The foreign sales and order coordinating office, Ufficio Coordinamento e Ripartizione Ordini (Ucro), under Valentino Cimaz, is located in the premises of ISA.

There are 31 firms in Ucro, mostly Bresciani, though there are big names like the state-owned Italsider and Terni. Membership of Ucro is open to any Italian firm manufacturing these two types of bars.

The EEC approved agreement which led to the establishment of Ucro, admitted that the surplus of steel on world markets had given rise to particularly fierce competition and large falls in prices and earnings, and recognized that "the agreement is accordingly essential in order to achieve the result of improved production and distribution, and it is no more restrictive than is necessary for that purpose".

Ucro's function is defined: "To carry out on its members' behalf all the administrative and statistical work necessitated by the anti-crisis measures enacted by the commission and, where necessary, to seek out new sales outlets in other member and non-member countries and fairly distribute any orders placed as a result therefrom. Ucro's activities would not, however, interfere with the business activities of any of its members."

Ucro is required to keep documentation of each commercial transaction including a copy of the acknowledgement of an order, which it has to countersign and send to the customer. The certificate of conformity introduced by the commission, as stated in the preamble to the Community decision, "will be issued on Ucro stationery. It will be drafted on Ucro's responsibility and released only if the conditions of sales conform to the commission's decision".

If these requirements are faithfully observed, the immediate points of friction will have been removed, even though no end is yet in sight to the overall steel crisis in the world.

# Business Diary: Credit where credit is due

Only 60-odd shopping days to Christmas and yet I hear, Santa's little helpers are already working on one present for the business community.

My spies in Greenland tell me that a gift-wrapped decision from the Office of Fair Trading is on the way for Lord Barber, the chairman of Standard Chartered Bank. It will say whether or not OFT's director-general, Gordon Borrie, is granting a consumer credit licence to two companies within the Sir Julian Hodge group that Standard Chartered bought out five years ago.

Last August the OFT said that it was "minded to refuse" applications for consumer credit licences from Hodge Finance and from Julian S. Hodge, a Cardiff bank.

Two weeks ago Standard Chartered announced the retirement of Sir Julian and the departure of a number of Hodge executives, although the relevance of their going was made clear neither by OFT nor Standard Chartered.

Whether or not the OFT decision will go in Standard Chartered's favour I would not dream of saying (why spoil a "surprise") except to add that it would be ducedly convenient to all concerned if the answer were to be a "Yes".

In announcing Sir Julian's departure earlier this month Lord Barber forbore to say who the new chairman of the Hodge Group board would be. Sir Julian's successor is to be named "within the next few months".

How absolutely, rivetingly super it would be for all concerned if the "yes" decision were to come from the OFT just as Lord Barber (Tory Chancellor Anthony Barber as was) announced which Standard Chartered apparatchik is to take over from Sir Julian as Hodge chairman!



"Let him read all he wants about the Boycott controversy, but try to keep him away from news about Opec's threat to increase their prices by 5 or 10 per cent next year."

*Steelworkers are being asked to make their wills. This is not due to some devilish twist of the Department of Industry's policy of running down the British Steel Corporation. The BSC's pension fund is holding about £20,000 in unclaimed death benefit because employees and pensioners keep dying off intestate.*

■ Lord Beeching, Jo Grimond, Keith Wickenden, Woodrow Wyatt and Leslie Chapman (author of Your Disobedient Servant) are among the patrons of an organization launched in London yesterday called the Chartered Union of Taxpayers (Cut).

Cut, whose trademark is a large hatchet poised to strike, is keen to enlist members—at £2 a year a head—who want to reduce taxes.

Familiar figures were duly wheeled out at yesterday's launch: every man, woman and child who pays on average £18 a week in tax. The sum of 46p in every pound earned goes in tax, so that the average man, in a calendar year, does not start working for himself until June 19.

Financing the campaign so far are the two executive directors of Cut, Iain Brodie and Anthony Fox, 31 and 30 respectively. Between them they claim experience in journalism, Liberal politics, sociology, catering, small farming (both of them) and theatre.

They are putting their own money into the printing, secretarial and publicity, although, they say, the total cost so far would not buy a British Leyland car.

Before becoming too specific about what they will do, other than generally "pressurize Government very substantially", they are waiting to see what kind of response they get.

They are thinking about the possibility of a taxpayers' strike, as happened in California over the famous proposition 13, but clearly membership will have to be big before the Inland Revenue has to worry.

■ Two British businessmen are in Stuttgart today arguing the case for an EEC small firms lobby.

Colin Dauris, managing director of a London textile finishing company and Peter Colvin-Smith, a Newcastle builder want to set up a lobby group within the International Association of Craft and Small and Medium Size Enterprises (IACME).

Dauris and Colvin-Smith represent the Association of Independent Businesses at IACME's annual conference. They have tabled a motion which calls for the lobby to replace the present system whereby national small business groups lobby the EEC individually.

The two Britons, who have to persuade the 100 delegates at the conference, which runs until Saturday, of the worth of such a group, claim to have the support of delegations from Denmark and Benelux. Last year's conference of the association agreed that such a group was a good idea "in principle".

The association has three million members in companies employing 30 million people. It has members in India and the Caribbean but is basically European. Such a lobby might have a headstart because the association's president, Dr Manlio Germozzi, is vice-chairman of the EEC's Economic and Social Committee.

*Ron Evans, the "head" of the correspondence department of the Midland Bank, has had a letter printed in this month's edition of the bank's newspaper. The letter is from a job applicant, who in writing to "Midlands (sic) Bank", asked: "Please could you send me career litriture (sic) on working in Lloyds Bank Ltd". Nothing like a second opinion, is there?*

Ross Davies


## WOOD & SONS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Earthenware Manufacturers

INTERIM STATEMENT (unaudited)

| | Half-year ended 30th June 1978 | Half-year ended 30th June 1977 | Increase | Year ended 31st Dec. 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | | £ |
| GROUP SALES | 2,296,000 | 2,054,000 | 11.8% | 4,209,088 |
| GROUP OPERATING PROFIT | 342,000 | 309,000 | | 457,902 |
| Deduct: Depreciation, Directors' Remuneration Audit Fees and Interest Charges | 101,000 | 95,000 | | 204,713 |
| GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION | 241,000 | 214,000 | 12.6% | 253,189 |
| Deduct: Estimated Taxation | 15,000 | 8,000 | | 15,797 |
| GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION | 226,000 | 206,000 | | 237,392 |

It gives me pleasure to report the improved half yearly figures. An Interim Dividend of .67p per share (1977 .33p per share) will be paid on the issued Ordinary Capital of the Company. Warrants will be posted to Shareholders on 20th November. Our strong order position denotes continued growth during 1978.

H. FRANCIS WOOD, Chairman.

16th October, 1978.

## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

# Engineering plays main part in Cen & Sheerwood's advance

Central & Sherwood, which maong other things tells companies how to manage their money, merge and plan, sets a splendid example in the half year to June 30. The shares responded by resting at 36p. They would probably have gone a lot higher but for the market's apthy.

Sales rose by nearly 18 per cent to £36.9m and trading profits by more than 36 per cent to just over £3m. But of these engineering contributed the lion's share of £2.9m. "Financial" profits in fact slipped from £117,000 to £97.000.

However, the upshot was a healthy 36.3 per cent jump to £2.47m in pre-tax profits, reasonable enough after the 41 per cent jump the year before. Moreover profits after tax and minorities jumped by 42 per cent to £1.26m and earnings a share adjusted for the recent one-for-one scrip issue duly rose from 1.39p to 1.97p.

Equally encouraging is the official news that "pre-tax profits in the second half of the year should at least equal those of the first half", indicating profits of £6m plus for the year against £4.7m, and of the £1.43m tax charge in the latest six months, perhaps only £255,000 or so is actually payable, thanks to stock relief and capital allowances.



Dr James Singer, chairman of Central & Sheerwood.

Best of all is the decision to hoist the interim dividend by a full fifth to 0.675p net, or to 1p gross. Central is keen on rewarding shareholders—it got in an issue to members of 1.6m of new 10 per cent £1 preference shares last June well ahead of the Government ban—and the hope is that the group will qualify at final time for the concession allowing companies with covers at a five year peak to raise dividends long with earnings.

The omens look good. Newcomer Photopia did extrimely well, thanks to the consumer boom, and despite the surge in the engineering interests the group is still working well within capacity. Bank facilities are though adequate to afford further acquisitions.

At 36p the historic yield is 4.9 per cent and the price earnings ratio on last year's figures 10.4. At present only the market's listleness and a conglomerate image prevent better ratings.

# Spirax maintains growth rate

By Ray Maughan

Spirax-Sarco Engineering is maintaining its admirable record of 20 per cent compound annual growth. While turnover in the six months to end-June last climed from £14.39m to £17.25m, trading profits expanded by £400,000 to £2.89m. After a slight fall in debt service costs, pre-tax profits were ahead by a fifth at £2.67m.

The signs are that Spirax should be on course for something over £6m pre-tax for the full year which would indicate fully taxed "nil" earnings of about 15.5p per share. The price jumped 6p to 168p yesterday on the initial reaction to the interim profits where the prospective p/e is an undemanding 10.8.

The point about the group's recent track record is that it has been achieved in a flattish trading environment. World trading conditions, as Mr A. C. Brown, chairman, reminds shareholders, have not been buoyant and Spirax, while enjoying some upturn in demand for its steam traps, thermostatic radiator valves and other energy related products ,has had to rely on a policy of expansion into new geographical areas to sustain its momentum.

The cost of new overseas operations, notably in Austria, Holland and Singapore, are still being absorbed and the burden will probably become heavier as Spirax opens new trading bases to increase its world sales coverage. The board sees scope to boost market share in many overseas economies and notes that the doors to previously inaccessible areas are now widening. But there is an additional discomfort in that the stocking of these infant operations—in what is largely an ex-stock business—throws an additional weight on factory capacity.

A gross interm dividend of 3.134p per share is supplemented by an additional payment of 0.0586p gross per share, relating to 1977, to reflect the change in the standard rate of income tax.

# Consumer boom revives Utd Carriers

By Michael Clark

An increase in the volume of traffic handled at United Carriers steered the group back on the right tack following its setback in profits for 1977.

Interim figures for the opening half to June 30 show a rise in pre-tax profits of 26 per cent to £1.5m on turnover up from £8.2m to £10.5m. Earnings a share turn out at 8.4p compared with 6.5p.

It declares an interim dividend of 1.46p gross against 1.04p for the corresponding period.

Commenting on the outcome, Mr Graham Millard, chairman, said the increase in consumer spending forecast in his annual statement is materialising. This is reflecting a true volume growth and he is confident that profits of the group for the full year will be satisfactory.

On this note, the board intends to pay the maximum permitted final dividend under dividend control legislation.

A revaluation of the group's freehold and leasehold properties throws up a surplus of £700,000 over and above book value and will be included in the accounts for the current year.

Pre-tax profits of United Carriers last year slipped from £2.4m to £2.2m on turnover up from £14.4m to £17.2m. The shortfall was blamed on an unexpected fall in volume following an encouraging start to the year.

Volume at present shows an overall increase of about 10 per cent over the same period last year while operating costs have risen far less steeply than in recent years.

News of the improved results put the share 3p up at 98p yesterday.

# Buoyant sales put spark into Siemssen

By Tony May

Pre-tax profits of Siemssen Hunter are up 33 per cent to £422,000, if the contribution made by the tobacco leaf merchant and broking unit Siemssen Threshie last year is excluded. The company was sold in June for £256,000 cash and a surplus of £83,000 from the transaction is included as an extraordinary item.

The rise in profits by the tobacco and specialist publishing group was achieved on a more-than-doubled turnover of £13.1m. Sales in all divisions are running ahead of this time last year and the board is looking to a good final result. The group's trading is seasonal, and more of its profits, which last year were a record £814,000, are made in the second half.

Much will depend upon how the group benefits from the consumer boom but in any case the dividend is to be raised by the maximum allowed under current legislation, meanwhile, the interim is raised from 2.07p to 2.27p gross.

Over a full year most of the group's profits come from cigar sales—with a peak around the Christmas season. Also, the group's gradual diversification into specialist publication is going well. The group covers educational, international and do-it-yourself publications as well as a thriving microfilm operation.

# Tourism part in MF North rise

Although sterling has been stronger this year the tourist boom continues and the first six months of 1978 has seen a 66 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £191,000 at the M. F. North hotels group. Sir Cyril Black, chairman, had expected some fall-off in trading after the bumper Jubilee year results. However, this was not the case as far as the hotels were concerned and overseas business continues to make a big contribution to turnover, which went up from £1.52m to £2.13m.

The interim dividend is raised from 0.18p to 0.2p gross, and a maximum final is expected.

Although business was not quite as good as last year Sir Cyril reports satisfactory trading for the first nine months of the year. He says forecasting for the final quarter is never easy but expects shareholders to be well satisfied with the year's outcome.

Stock markets

# Absence of sellers stirs equities

More on the absence of sellers than any genuine buying interest, equities touched higher levels again yesterday, helped on their weary way by a technical rally in the gilt market.

Tempted by yields of up ro 13.3 per cent at the very long end, some pension fund managers tested the fixed interest market and long dated gilts added up to half a point at one stage.

Though trading was light there was evidence of some bear closing ahead of the money supply figures tomorrow. Estimates are generally centring on a growth figure for M3 of around 5¾ per cent comfortably below the lower ceiling and confidence is further buoyed by hopes that the Chancellor will take a tough monetary stance when he speaks at the Bankers' dinner tomorrow evening.

*Avana Group's strength is noteworthy. The shares rose a 1p to 58½p yesterday. The 1977-78 high is 59p and the low 14½p. Northern Foods has 8 per cent of the shares, and both its offshoot Pork Farms, and Avana itself are Marks and Spencer suppliers. Sir Julian Hodge, Avana's chairman is, incidentally, stepping down from all his posts in Hodge Group, now part of Standard Chartered Bank.*

At the shorter end, nervous about higher interest rates in America, stocks held steady, after easing slightly earlier in the day.

Uncertainly over pay policy and Wall Street's overnight downturn put a brake on equities at the outset but a shortage of stock and the continuing weight of institutional money soon helped the FT Ordinary share index and, by the close, it had gained 3.9 to its highest level of the day.

This is the second time in the past two or three sessions that the index has bounced off the 493 chartists break point level but some market men feel that any further improvement through the 500 mark could encourage selling into the rally.

Of the leader stocks to improve ICI at 392p and Glaxo at 573p went 5p better while Beecham firmed 3p to 693p, Metal Box added 6p to 352p and Courtaulds firmed 2p to 121p.

In electricals EMI at 159p and Racal at 332p were a good market going 4p to 6p better.

Hopes that the Ford strike may be settled soon helped main dealer BSG, which reported good figures on Monday ,to firm slightly to 41p while Lucas added a penny to 312p.

In stores a near 40 per cent profit increase saw some buyers of Marks & Spencer where the equity climbed 4p to 86p British Home Stores with figures today Tuesday, firmed a similar amount to 209p while GUS 'A' at 314p and Burton 'A' at 314p spurted 6p each.

Debenhams, where there is thought to have been a line of stock in the market, eased a penny to 88p.

Second-half trading at Brooke Bond was better than expected and the shares added 1p to 491p while trading news from United Carriers added 4p to the equity at 144p and 7p to Erith at 104p.

By contrast, sharply reduced earnings at Zenith Carburetter, left the shares 10p down at 82p.

Wm Baird firmed 4p to 182p after the rejection of its bid by the directors of Dawson International. After spurting 13p to 213p at one stage the shares of Dawson, additionally helped by a dividend boost, settled at 209p, a gain of 9p on the day.

The thrid member of the triangle John Haggas, which had hoped to merge with Dawson, climbed 8p to 146p.

Renewed takeover speculation added 6p to Birmingham Mint at 135p while awaiting bid developments Midland Education went 5p higher to 230p.

In shipping Furness Withy improved 6p to 240p on figures no worse than expected while speculative demand in a thin market nudged Common Brothers 7p higher to 154p.

Excited by the news that Montague L. Meyer—unchanged at 92p—has been increasing its stake, Bambergers touched 80p at one stage yesterday before easing back to end steady at 78p. International Timber, currently bidding for Bamberger, firmed a penny to 129p.

In oils the weakness of Wall Street left BP 8p lower at 906p but Shell at 574p firmed 4p and Ultramar, which went better in after hours, climbed 9p to 232p.

Speculative demand in a thin market added 5p to Regalian at 22p and MAMs at 88p.

Gold shares were mixed despite bullion reaching another record high. The sector has not been performing as well as the metal price in recent weeks and dealers report that there has been some stock around. Yesterday Randfontein at £31 1-32 went ahead, Elsburg at 94p and Western Areas at 155p added a few pence but Harmony at 312p fell back slightly.

In a firm tins sector Geevor climber 10p to 165p while in banks Lloyds at 260p and Barclays at 342p firmed 4p, Midland at 347p added 5p and National Westminster at 270p held steady.

*Imry Property has been a strong market, rising 33p to 388p since reporting annual figures last Friday. Accompanying the results was an asset revaluation which boosts before tax assets per share to around 650p. At this level, some market men feel that the equity is still looking cheap.*

Equity turnover on October 16 was £69.049m (16,512 bargains). Active stocks yesterday according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, Marks & Spencer, Shell, Barclays, BAT Ord, GUS 'A', ICI, BAT dfd, Glaxo, Turner & Newall, RTZ, Dawson Int, Wm Baird, J. Haggas and Regalian Props.

## Latest results

| Company Int or Fin | Sales £m | Profits £m | Earnings per share | Div pence | Pay date | Year's total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Authority Invsts (I) | —(—) | 1.1(1.9) | —(—) | —(—) | — | —(—) |
| W. Boulton Grp (F) | 20.2(18.0) | 1.3(0.91) | —(—) | 0.77(0.69) | 7/12 | 1.2(1.0) |
| Brooke Bond (F) | 48.9(57.1) | 44.7(49.8) | 8.34(12.77) | 2.2(2.0) | — | 3.0(2.7) |
| Central & Sherwd (I) | 36.9(31.2) | 2.7(2.0) | 1.9(1.3) | 0.67(0.56) | 8/12 | —(—) |
| Erith & Co (I) | 11.9(10.4) | 0.50(0.35) | —(—) | 2.0(1.8) | — | —(—) |
| Furness Withy (I) | 95.3(96.3) | 5.7(13.2) | —(—) | 3.85(3.5) | 5/1/79 | —(8.2) |
| Kode Int (I) (a) | 3.7(2.8) | 0.60(0.42) | —(—) | 1.8(1.6) | 4/1/79 | —(—) |
| Manchster Liners (I) | 3.1(2.6) | 0.83(1.3) | —(—) | 1.0(1.0) | 2/1/79 | —(—) |
| M. F. North (I) | 2.1(1.5) | 0.19(0.11) | —(—) | 0.13(0.12) | 3/1/79 | —(0.45) |
| Lowland Drapery (I) | 2.7(2.3) | 0.12(0.11) | —(—) | 1.4(1.3) | 11/12 | —(—) |
| Provident Life (I) | —(—) | 0.06(0.03) | —(—) | 4.1(3.7) | 1/1/79 | —(—) |
| Raine Eng Ind (F) | 17.4(14.5) | 0.28(0.83) | 1.1(2.2) | 0.58(0.58) | — | 0.87(0.87) |
| Siemssen Hunter (I) | 13.1(6.5) | 0.42(0.37) | —(—) | 1.5(1.3) | 21/12 | —(—) |
| Spirax-Sarco (I) | 17.2(14.3) | 2.6(2.2) | —(—) | 2.10(3.6) | 8/12 | —(—) |
| Utd Carriers (I) | 10.5(8.1) | 1.5(1.2) | 8.4(6.5) | 0.9(0.6) | 5/1/79 | —(—) |
| Wettern Eros (I) | 4.7(3.8) | 0.10(0.09b) | —(—) | 2.0(Nil) | 4/1/79 | —(—) |
| Zenith Carb (I) | 5.8(6.4) | 0.32(0.88) | 3.0(7.4) | —(—) | — | —(—) |

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=28 weeks. b=Loss.

# Car disputes and imports jolt Zenith

By Rosemary Unsworth

A strike-bound British car industry and the high level of foreign car imports ensured that Zenith Carburettor's profits fell even further than either the company or the Stock Market expected.

Pre-tax profits slumped from £880,000 to £346,000, while turnover fell from £6.4m to £5.8m in the first six months to June 30. The share price reflected the results by shedding 10p to 82p during the day.

The possibility of Zenith, which is controlled by Compagnie Industrielle et Financière, getting back to its £1.3m profits of 1977 during the second half is unlikely, with continuing industrial unrest in the British car industry.

"I don't expect there will be any dramatic change in the second-half results as factories will not increase output while imports stay at present levels and pay disputes continue", said Mr Gordon Dawson, chairman.

The company plans to diversify production into another small, high volume product which will be unconnected with the car industry, and to gain a foothold for its carburettors in the European car market. "Neither of these plans, which have been under way for some time, will make any difference to this year's results, but will perhaps help next year", said Mr Dawson.

Currently Zenith manufactures carburettors for the Swedish market, while its parent company, Solex, supplies Peugeot whose merger with Chrysler may help the company to boost profits in the future.

In common with previous years, there is no interim dividend payment.

# Higher gold price benefits 'Johnnies'

By Michael Prest

More quarterly reports from the gold mines, this time the Anglo-Vaal group and Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, demonstarte clearly the impact of the higher gold price. Al Johnnies' mines did better, but the average gold price received by the Anglo-Vaal mines was lower than in the previous quarter because of the changeover in the method of payment for gold in the last quarter.

In the oJhnnies group Randfortein, the oldest listed mine on The Johannesburg Stock Exchange, received $203.5 an ounce, and produced 5,221 kilogrammes of gold. Operating profit was R19.9m Western Areas made '212.5 an ounce, on production of 6,003 kilogrames, giving an operating profit of R10.2m.

Two of the Anglo-Vaal gold mines, Eastern Transvaal and Hartebeestfontein, received lower gold prices, at $198.9 and $206.4 an ounce respectively. ETC produced 540,2 0 kilogrammes for a pre-tax profit of R1.3m. Hartebeestfontein made pre-tax profits, including uranium, of R24.6m, and mined 7.83 kilogrammes of gold.

The contrast between older-gold/newer-gold prices is illustrated by the full-year results from Loraine Gold Mines, one of Anglo-Vaal group. Whereas the full-year price for gold was $153.8 an ounce, for the final quarter to the end of September it was $219.3. The working loss on gold mining at Loraine was thus cut to R1.33m. But after State assistance working profit was R3.23m against R2.51m for last year.


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# Brooke Bond Liebig

## Results for the financial year ended 30th June 1978

| | 1978 £000 | 1977 £000 | 1976 £000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sales outside the group | 756,202 | 769,154 | 591,465 |
| Group trading profit before interest | 48,994 | 57,181 | 31,841 |
| Taxation | 20,924 | 19,496 | 12,865 |
| Profit before extraordinary items | 21,456 | 27,935 | 12,001 |
| Dividends paid and proposed | | | |
| Interim of 0.831875p net (1977 0.75625p; 1976 0.6875p) | 2,139 | 1,556 | 1,414 |
| Final of 2.254385p net (1977 2.00757p; 1976 1.787p) | 5,796 | 5,162 | 3,676 |
| | 7,935 | 6,718 | 5,090 |
| Earnings per share on the net basis | 8.34p | 12.77p | 6.17p |

The total gross dividend for the year is equal to a rate of 4.60636p per share, an increase of 10% over last year which is the maximum permissible.

**Annual Report**

The annual report will be posted to shareholders on 10th November, 1978 together with the notice of the annual general meeting to be held on 8th December, 1978 at The London Press Centre, 76 Shoe Lane, London E.C.4.


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# oskins puts in 'no logic in bid' :a to Talbex shareholders

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line with the trend rds higher interest rates, oupon on this week's batch ocal authority bonds is from 10¾ per cent to 11 cent. This is the highest since March 1977. The st borrowers are Warwick- with £1.5m and Birming- Dundee and Wigan with each.

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### art rebound

turnround from losses of 00 into pre-tax profits of ,000 is reported by Wettern hers for the six months to 30. Earlier this year it ht off a £2.45m bid from J. Glossop. Turnover rose 915,000 to £4.8m.

As a result the board declares an interim dividend of 3.1p gross per share after last year's decision to withhold payment.

Following its study into the problems of land erosion subsidiary Mono Concrete is now well placed to fill a large demand in this sector.

At the same time, Wettern Electric has added to its range a new service cable joint for industrial use, at present being used on motorway lighting contracts, &c.

The development of a medium voltage jointing system is also going well and the benefits of this should show through from 1979 onwards.

## JFB cuts stake in Mitchell Somers

In a tidying-up operation, specialist engineer, Johnson & Firth Brown has reduced its holding in Mitchell Somers from 23.3 per cent to 20 per cent by a placing.

J.F.B. has been rationalizing its investments for some time, and only needs a 20 per cent holding in the West Midlands-based engineer and forgemaster to keep it as an associate.

The extra holding served no useful purpose and after talks with Mitchell Somers was bought by a pension fund. The sale released £300,000—a surplus over original costs of some £200,000.

## British Vita buys Tootal offshoot

British Vita, the Manchester-based rubber and plastics group, is to purchase Calogen Foam for £2m.

Calogen, equally owned by Tootal and Tenneco, manufactures polyester foam for car upholstery, slippers and clothes. Its pre-tax profits were £724,000 for 1977 and British Vita looks to £1m pre-tax this time round.

Tenneco and Tootal decided some time ago to sell the company as it no longer fitted in with their mainstream activities.

## Home improvements benefit Erith

Erith & Co, the London builders' merchant, pushed up pre-tax profits by 44 per cent to £509,000 in the six months to June 30 while turnover climbed 11 per cent to £12m. The interim dividend is 3.008p gross against 2.73p and an additional dividend of 0.08p will be included following the tax rate reduction.

Mr G. Fisher, chairman, said the sales upturn came mainly from the home improvement and maintenance sectors. Profits should be ahead of last year's £783,000.

## Wellcome in US talks

Wilton, Conn.—A spokesman for Richardson-Merrell Inc reports that negotiations are in progress with the Wellcome Foundation of London concerning the acquisition of Richardson-Merrell's Jensen-Salsbery laboratories division by Wellcome. Jensen-Salsbery is engaged in the development, manufacture and sale of biological aid pharmaceutical products and surgical supplies and instruments for the prevention and care of animal dieseases. These discussions are expected to be concluded within the next few weeks at which time a further announcement will be made.—AP.—Dow Jones.

## Allied Plant takes off in first half

A record half-time profit, more than doubled at £206,000, against £92,000, comes from Allied Plant Group for the first half. Turnover also jumped by 46 per cent to £2.47m.

Mr Michael Heathcote, chairman, says that last November's reorganization had laid the basis to expand existing activities. The rise in turnover and profit was entirely due to organic growth. "This internal expansion is gathering momentum", he adds. Meanwhile, the interim payment is lifted from 0.45p to 0.59p.

## Options

Marks & Spencer, which reported better than expected interim figures yesterday proved to be the high flyer of the traded options market claiming 157 of the 647 contracts dealt.

Much of the business was in the October options due to expire soon. The in-the-money October 70 at 17p added 4p while the October 80 climbed 3p to 7p. The underlying equity firmed 4p to 86p.

In the conventional options market dealers reported moderate activity with calls being taken in, among others, FNFC 9¾ per cent 1992-97, Consolidated Gold Fields and English Property This latter also saw a double completed as did Town & City, Trafalgar House and Dunlop.

## Business appointments

### Sir Charles Troughton joins Whitbread board

Sir Charles Troughton has joined the main board of Whitbread as a non-executive director.

Mr John Briggs and Mr Brian McGillivray have joined the board of Bunzl Pulp & Paper.

Mr J. A. G. Clarke and Mr G. R. A. Metcalfe become joint managing directors of Bath and Portland Group.

Mr Alan Day has been appointed treasurer of National Westminster Bank's domestic banking division. He succeeds Mr Douglas Edge, who retires on October 31.

Mr H. B. Stadler, chairman and managing director of R. & A. Kohnstamm, is to give up the post of managing director on December 31 but will continue as chairman. Mr N. W. Palmer is to succeed him as managing director.

Mr F. Horridge, Mr E. C. Hartwell, Mr D. P. Herbert and Mr R. F. Newman have been made directors of Davies and Newman Holdings.

Mr P. Mullarkey becomes chief executive of Aluminium Bronze.

Mr J. E. Oates has been made a non-executive director of Plaxtons (Scarborough). Miss G. Plaxton has resigned.

Mr L. Griffiths has joined the board of Gamma Associates.

Mr J. G. Ritchie has been appointed a director of Thomas Witter.

Mr D. D. D. Voyle is chairman and Mr N. G. Timmins managing director of a new company, Grand Metropolitan Systems.

Mr Brian Johnson has been made managing director of Weston Hydraulics.

Mr F. R. Salinger, a director of Griffin Factors, has been elected chairman of the Association of British Factors.

# Courtaulds leave field clear for Vantona

The way now looks clear for Vantona to take over J. Compton, Sons & Webb (Holdings), with yesterday's news that Courtaulds' offer for Compton has lapsed. Acceptances were received from holders of only 12 per cent of the ordinary shares and 13.6 per cent of the preference. The battle started earlier this year, when Vantona began talks with Compton, but these ended when agreement could not be reached. Then Carrington Viyella entered the arena with an offer, which was finally withdrawn on October 3. On that date, Vantona held almost 11 per cent of Compton's equity. Compton's shares closed unchanged at 74p yesterday—just 1p below Vantona's cash offer which was agreed last week. There is also a share-exchange offer.

## Jardine Matheson slightly higher

First-half pre-tax profits at Jardine Matheson, the Hongkong-based traders, were £20.6m, against £19.3m for the six months to June 30, 1977. This rate of earnings growth is expected to be maintained for the rest of the year.

Mr D. K. Newbigging, Jardine's chairman, said that good results were obtained from the Hongkong companies, with the exception of industrial activities. Rennies Consolidated, a South African subsidiary some of whose directors were charged with currency offences earlier in the year, increased its profits by 35 per cent. Jardines paid $35m to raise its stake in Transporting and Trading Company, a Kuwaiti concern, to 40 per cent. An interim dividend of 2.1p, in scrip form, with a cash option has been declared. The final dividend is expected to be 5.5p. Last year's total dividend was 7.2p.

## Kode Int again starts strongly

Still forging ahead after the record results of last year, Kode International pushed its pre-tax profits up by 51 per cent to £608,800 in the 28 weeks to July 14.

Pre-tax profits for 1977 reached a peak £864,000. Sales rose by 31 per cent to £3.72m. With earnings a share up from 5.42p to 6.74p, the interim dividend, gross, rises from 2.5p to 2.75p. Mr W. D. Tudor, chairman, says that prospects continue to be encouraging. Order intake is good, with further investment in plant, product and management. Kode covers computer peripherals and electronics.

## Briefly

**HERBURGER BROOKS**
Turnover for year to May 31 was £4.1m (£3.1m). Pre-tax profit, £217,000 (£250,900). Dividend is 1.65p gross (1.49p gross).

**MCKAY SECURITIES GROUP**
Bonus issue of two-for-one ordinary shares and two capital shares for each share held. Sharply increased profits expected for year to end-March 31, 1979.

**YULE CATTO & CO**
High Court of Justice has confirmed the reduction of capital and Order of Court will be registered by October 20 1978. The effect is that shareholders on the register on October 16, will receive 11p for each ordinary share held on that date. Warrants will be despatched on October 26.

**BAMFORDS**
Fredk H. Burgess is interested in 4.44m shares (59.2 per cent).

**BROWN & TAWSE**
On September 5 C. Walker & Sons sold 100,000 shares. Now Mr J. Walker is interested in 886,000 shares (8.74 per cent), of which 726,000 shares (7.16 per cent) is beneficially owned by C. Walker & Sons.

**ASSOCIATES DEAL**
Baring Brothers, advisers to Argus Press Holdings, purchased on October 16, 227,391 ordinary shares in Tridant Group Printers at 100p and 2,598 cumulative preference shares at 52p for their own account.

**SMITH BROS**
On October 12 Mr A. J. Lewis, director, sold 10,000 shares, Mr G. L. H. Lederman, director, 10,000 shares and Mr G. S. Lederman 10,000 shares.

**LOWLAND DRAPERY HLDGS**
Turnover for six months to June 30, £2.7m (£2.3m). Pre-tax profit, £121,500 (£116,100). Interim dividend is 2.0p gross (1.9p gross).

**HOME COUNTIES NEWSPAPERS**
County Bank has disposed of 315,000 shares, which reduces its interest from 628,239 shares to 313,239 shares (12.53 per cent).

**A & C BLACK**
Park Place Investments now holds 102,500 shares (10.6 per cent).

**NORTHERN IND IMPROVEMENT**
Pre-tax profit for year to March 31 was £949,000 (£839,000). Earnings a share were 4.7p (4.6p). Final dividend is 4.47p gross (4.0p gross) making 6.9p gross (6.2p gross).


## "Jardines Anticipate Increased 1978 Earnings & Dividends"

"Net profit for the first six months was HK$120.1 million (1977: HK$112.1 million), an increase of 7.1%. Prospects for the rest of the year indicate that the same level of earnings growth will be maintained for full year."

"Interim dividend equivalent to HK$0.20 per stock unit to be satisfied by the issue of new stock units at market value with cash alternative at stockholders' option. Final dividend equivalent to HK$0.51 per stock unit anticipated, making a total of HK$0.71 for the year (1977: HK$0.67)."

"Minority interests acquired in three publicly quoted companies which are now wholly-owned subsidiaries: Jardine Industries Ltd—Hong Kong, Jardine Matheson & Co. (South East Asia) Ltd—Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, and Toft Bros. Industries Ltd—Australia."

"Term debt again reduced despite the issue of Sing. $39.2 million 8½% guaranteed unsecured loan stock 1985 to acquire minority interests."

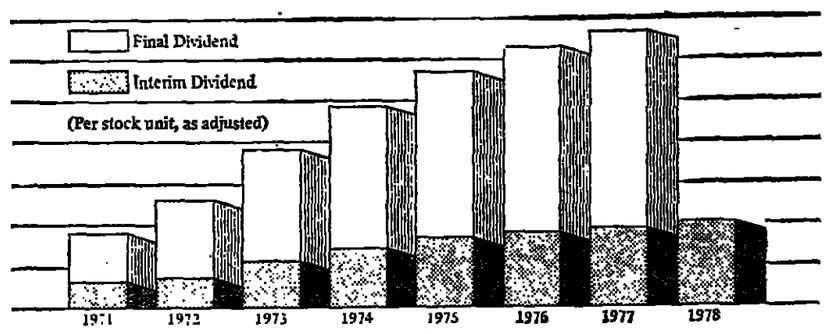
"Hong Kong, our main operating area, continued to prosper. Group benefited from a high level of activity in building and civil engineering sectors, and steady consumer demand. Participation in new joint-venture property developments in New Territories."

"Equity in Middle East associate increased to 40% by payment of further US$35 million bringing total investment to US$80 million. This associate's operations continue to show good results and its future prospects remain encouraging."

D. K. Newbigging
*Chairman*
17th October, 1978

JARDINES
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd, Connaught Centre, Hong Kong

Progress through the 70's




*The full Interim Report is available from the Company Secretary.*



## SOBRANIE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

*Extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Joint Managing Director, Mr. Charles C. Redstone:*

The results are particularly disappointing because there were grounds for reasonable expectation that the year would be an improved one. In both our Laundry and Engineering divisions the accounts reflected distinct improvements and had a similar situation prevailed in the Tobacco division we should indeed be unveiling a very much more cheerful picture.

The results of improved productivity and the elimination of poorly priced services have resulted in a much better profit situation in the Laundry division. A substantial modernisation programme, now nearing completion, will give us a much better facility and will enable us to take on work which up to now we have not been able to handle.

Despite the continuing low level of activity in the engineering sector in general, our Engineering division finished the year with a much improved performance and a much heavier order book. We believe that the situation in the Tobacco division and indeed generally, is on the upturn and trading in the first few months of this year has indicated a marked improvement.



## M P KENT LIMITED

HOUSING + PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

| Year ended 30th June | 1978 £000 | 1977 £000 |
|---|---|---|
| Sales | 13,674 | 9,038 |
| Trading Profit | 1,700 | 1,526 |
| Interest Paid | 594 | 708 |
| Profit before Tax | 1,106 | 818 |
| Profit after Tax | 922 | 410 |
| Cost of Dividends | 242 | 221 |
| Profit before Tax as % of Sales | 8.1 | 9.0 |
| Earnings per Share After Tax | 8.5p | 3.7p |
| Net Tangible Assets per Share | 70.4p | 56.8p |

* Group Profit up 35.1% for the year at £1,105,702 on sales of £13,674,235.
* Final Dividend again increased to 1.6p per share making a total for the year of 2.26p (1977 2.06p).
* Balance Sheet goes from strength to strength and shareholders' funds now stand at £7,550,806.
* Further drop in Group indebtedness to £2,134,149 and gearing now only represents 28.3% of shareholders' funds.
* Prime developments are in the pipeline and with the strength of the Balance Sheet behind us, I view the future with confidence.

M. P. KENT Chairman



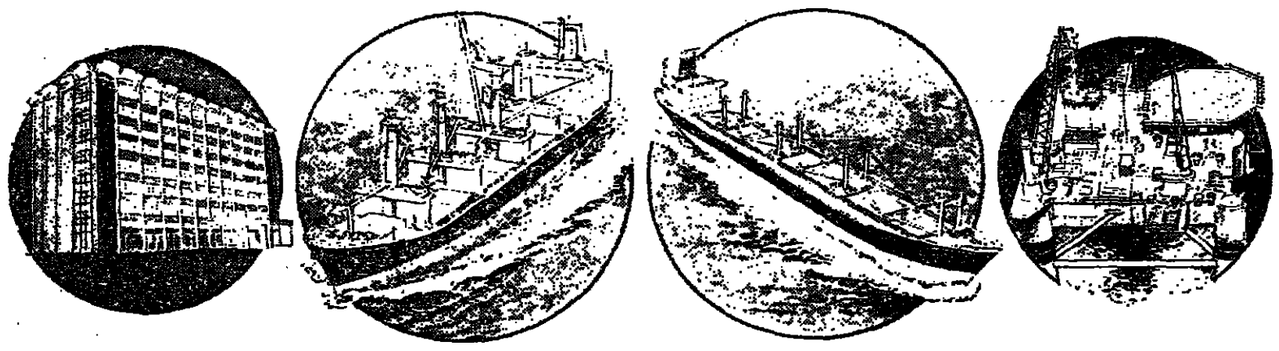
# Furness Withy Group

## Interim Results

for the half year ended 30 June 1978

| | Unaudited for half year ended 30 June 1978 £m | 30 June 1977 £m | Year ended 31 December 1977 £m |
|---|---|---|---|
| **TRADING PROFIT** | | | |
| SHIPPING | | | |
| General shipping | 3.1 | 3.0 | 5.3 |
| Bulk shipping | (0.6) | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Manchester Liners | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.8 |
| | 4.2 | 5.0 | 8.6 |
| OFFSHORE | 1.0 | (0.3) | (0.1) |
| OTHER ACTIVITIES | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 |
| **TOTAL TRADING PROFIT** | 6.7 | 6.2 | 11.2 |
| **PROFIT before tax and extraordinary items** | 5.7 | 13.3 | 20.7 |

* *Own trading profits maintained in period of shipping depression.*
* Group profit before tax depressed as a result of reduced contribution from associated companies, sale of ships and increased finance charges.
* Offshore oil support services and non-shipping activities account for 37% of trading profit.
* Results of second half of 1978 expected to be broadly in line with first half.
* Interim dividend increased by 10%.



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# MARKET REPORTS

## Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

| US STRAIGHTS ($) | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Australia 8 1983 | 96¾ | 96¾ |
| Austria 8½ 1990 | 98¼ | 99 |
| Avco 9¼ 1985 | 98 | 98¼ |
| Barclays 8½ 1983 | 94¼ | 94¾ |
| Beatrice 7¾ 1985 | 95¼ | 95¾ |
| Canadair 8¾ 1983 | 96¼ | 96¾ |
| Canada Nat Railway 8⅞ 1986 | 94½ | 95 |
| CECA 9 1993 | 98½ | 99 |
| Charbonnage de France 8⅞ 1981 | 97¼ | 98¼ |
| Citicorp 6¾ 1980 | 95 | 95½ |
| Citicorp 7 1981 | 95¼ | 94¾ |
| DFC New Zealand 8⅞ 1983 | 95½ | 95¾ |
| DFC New Zealand 8⅞ 1985 | 95¼ | 95¾ |
| Dow Chemical 8 1986 | 94¼ | 94¾ |
| EEC 7¾ 1979 | 97½ | 98¼ |
| EEC 8¼ 1982 | 96¼ | 96¾ |
| EIB 8 1984 | 94 | 94½ |
| EIB 9¼ 1993 | 98½ | 99 |
| Elf-Aquitaine 8⅞ 1985 | 93½ | 94 |
| Eurofima 8½ 1988 | 95¾ | 96¼ |
| IC Industries 9 1985 | 96¾ | 97¼ |
| ITEL 9¾ 1988 | 97¼ | 97¾ |
| IU 8⅞ 1987 | 94¾ | 95¼ |
| MacMillan Bloedel 9¼ 1993 | 97¼ | 97¾ |
| Midland Bank 8¾ 1992 | 96¼ | 96¾ |
| NCB 8 1987 | 93½ | 93 |
| National Westminster 9 1986 | 100 | 100½ |
| New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986 | 97½ | 98 |
| Newfoundland 9¼ 1990 | 98½ | 99 |
| Nordic Invest Bank 8¾ 1988 | 97¼ | 97¾ |
| Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982 | 94¼ | 95¼ |
| Norway 7¾ 1983 | 94¾ | 95¼ |
| Offshore Mining 8¾ 1985 | 94¼ | 94¾ |
| Occidental 8¾ 1983 | 95¼ | 95¾ |
| J. C. Penney 8½ 1983 | 97¼ | 98 |
| Quebec Hydro 9¼ 1993 | 98¼ | 99¼ |
| Renault 8¾ 1981 | 98¼ | 98¾ |
| R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982 | 97 | 97½ |
| Shell 8¼ 1990 | 94¾ | 95¼ |
| Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987 | 94½ | 95¼ |
| **CANADIAN DOLLARS** | | |
| Avco 9½ 1983 | 96¼ | 97¼ |
| Ford 8½ 1982 | 95 | 95½ |
| General Motors 9¾ 1986 | 95 | 95½ |
| Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992 | 94½ | 95¼ |
| Union Carbide 9¾ 1985 | 97 | 97½ |
| **FLOATING RATE NOTES** | | |
| Chase Manhattan 9 15 16 1993 | 97½ | 98 |
| Intl Westminster 8 1984 | 99¼ | 99¾ |
| Midland 9 7-16 1993 | 97¼ | 98¼ |
| Offshore Mining 9 7/16 1986 | 98¼ | 98¾ |
| Williams & Glyns 9⅞ '85 | 99¼ | 99¾ |
| **US $ CONVERTIBLES** | | |
| American Express 4¼ 1987 | 79 | 80½ |
| Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992 | 136¼ | 137½ |
| Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992 | 97 | 98½ |
| Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992 | 113½ | 113 |
| Beecham 6½ 1992 | 111¼ | 112¼ |
| Boots 6½ 1993 | 98 | 96 |
| Borden 5 1993 | 96 | 97½ |
| Broadway Hale 4½ 1987 | 72½ | 74 |
| Carnation 5 1986 | 75½ | 77 |
| Dart 4¾ 1987 | 80½ | 81½ |
| Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988 | 83½ | 85 |
| Economic Labs 4½ 1987 | 77½ | 79½ |
| Firestone 5 1988 | 73½ | 73½ |
| Ford 5 1988 | 81½ | 83 |
| General Electric 4¼ 1987 | 82 | 83½ |
| Gillette 4¾ 1987 | 74½ | 76 |
| Gulf & Western 5 1988 | 86 | 87½ |
| Harris 5 1992 | 210 | 213 |
| Honeywell 6 1986 | 85½ | 87 |
| ICI 6¾ 1992 | 96 | 97 |
| INA 6 1997 | 97 | 98½ |
| Inchcape 6¾ 1993 | 113 | 114½ |
| ITT 4½ 1987 | 73 | 75½ |
| Jusco 6 1992 | 153 | 154 |
| Komatsu 7½ 1990 | 170½ | 172 |
| J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 | 161 | 163 |
| Nabisco 5¼ 1988 | 103½ | 107 |
| Owens Illinois 4½ 1987 | 114½ | 116 |
| J. C. Penney 4½ 1987 | 75½ | 77 |
| Revlon 4¾ 1987 | 151½ | 153 |
| Reynolds Metal 5 1988 | 90½ | 92 |
| Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987 | 95 | 96½ |
| Squibb 4¾ 1987 | 79 | 80½ |
| Texaco 4½ 1988 | 73½ | 75 |
| Texas Int Airlines 7½ 1993 | 93 | 94 |
| Toshiba 6½ 1992 | 144 | 146 |
| Tyco 8½ 1988 | 104½ | 105½ |
| Union Carbide 4¾ 1982 | 88 | 89½ |
| Warner Lambert 4½ 1987 | 79 | 80½ |
| Warner Lambert 4½ 1988 | 73½ | 75 |
| Xerox 5 1988 | 73 | 74½ |

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

## Commodities

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £749-£750 a metric ton; three months, £770.50-71.50. Sales, 8,050 tons. Cash cathodes, £737-37.50; three months, £758.50-59.00. Sales, 475 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £747.50-48.00; three months, £768.50-69.00. Settlement, £748. Sales, 4,850 tons. Cash cathodes, £734.50-35.00; three months, £756-56.50. Settlement, £735. Sales, 2,450 tons.

SILVER was very steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 298.85p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 596.8); three months, 306.50p (607.5c); six months, 314.85p (618.5c); one year, 331.7p (642.4c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 299.8-300.0p; three months, 307.5-07.6p. Sales, 69 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 299.9-9.2p; three months, 306.8-06.9p. Settlement, 299.2p. Sales, 167 lots.

TIN was steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £7,780-7,800 a metric ton; three months, £7,560-70. Sales, 365 tons. High grade, cash, £7,780-7,800; three months, £7,580-7,600. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £7,850-60; three months, £7,570-75. Settlement, £7,860. Sales, 580 tons. High grade, cash, £7,850-60; three months, £7,595-7,605. Settlement, £7,860. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,981 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £419-421 per metric ton; three months, £400-401. Sales, 1,800 tons. Morning.—Cash, £417-418; three months, £397.50-98.00. Settlement, £418. Sales, 5,750 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £355-356 a metric ton; three months, £366.50-66.75. Sales, 3,200 tons. Morning.—Cash, £353.50-54.00; three months, £364-365. Settlement, £354. Sales, 1,900 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £170.15 ($340) a troy ounce (new high).

ALUMINIUM was quietly steady.—Afternoon.—Three months, £596-597 a metric ton. Sales, 400 tons. Morning.—Three months, £596-96.50. Sales, 850 tons.

RUBBER was quiet (pence per kilo).—Nov, 60.50-60.70; Dec, 61.35-61.60; Jan-March, 63.50-63.55; April-June, 66.10-66.15; July-Sept, 68.35-68.40; Oct-Dec, 70.45-70.50; Jan-March, 72.50-72.55; April-June, 74.55-74.60; July-Sept, 76.55-76.60. Sales: one lot at 5 tonnes; 173 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were easier.—Spot, 60.25-61.25. Cifs, Nov, 61.50-61.60; Dec, 62.50-62.75.

COFFEE: Robustas were hesitant; arabicas were dull.

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Nov, 1,618-21; Jan, 1,544-46; March, 1,443-45; May, 1,380-81; July, 1,336-45; Sept, 1,312-30; Nov, 1,290-1,310. Sales: 2,651 lots including 13 options.

ARABICAS. All positions unquoted.

COCOA was quiet (£ per metric ton).—Dec, 1,877.5-80.00; March, 1,913.50-14.50; May, 1,934-35; July, 1,950-57; Sept, 1,935-36; Dec, 1,906-10; March, 1,880.60-1,902.00. Sales: 3,112 lots including 10 options. ICCO prices: daily, 166.65c; 15-day average, 169.51c; 22-day average, 170.59 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £5 lower at £107; the "whites" price was £1.50 lower at £113.50. Futures were steady (£ per metric ton).—Dec, 111.30-11.40; March, 114.40-14.45; May, 116.40-16.50; Aug, 118-18.25; Oct, 120.90-20.95; Dec, 123-123.90; March, 126-28. Sales: 7,689 lots. ISA prices: 8.93c; 15-day average 8.93.

White sugar was quiet.—Feb, 117.25-18.25; April, 120.33-20.75; July, 124.75-25.25; Sept, 128.50-29.25; Nov, 133-33.35; Feb, 138.50-39.50; April, 144-44.50. Sales: 129 lots.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Oct, 119-26.50; Dec, 121.70-21.90; Feb, 133.50-23.70; April, 133.70-24.20; June, 123.80-26; Aug, 124-26; Oct, 125.50-26. Sales: 205 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures (pence per kilo): —Australian (quiet): Oct, 226-30; Dec, 228-30; March, 236-38; May, 238-40; July, 231-43; Oct, 234-40; Dec, 235-45; March, 239-47. Sales: nil. New Zealand crossbreds (quiet): Dec, 189-91; March, 188-90; May, 190-92; July, 190-92; Oct, 193-95; Dec, 193-96; March, 192-97. Sales: nil.

JUTE was steady. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Oct-Nov, $516 per long ton. "D" grade, Oct-Nov, $500.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Oct, £94.55 Tilbury sellers. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Oct, £85.55; Nov, £86.55; Dec, £88.50 trans-shipment east coast sellers.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American French unquoted. South African white: Nov-Dec, £64.50 sellers. South African yellow: Nov-Dec, £64.50 UK sellers.

BARLEY.—English feed fob: Nov, £85.50-84.00 sellers. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: Nov, £80.70; Jan, £83.50; March, £85.65; May, £88. Sales: 84 lots. WHEAT was steady: Nov, £88.55; Jan, £90.95; March, £93.20; May, £95.70. Sales: 135 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authorities.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

| | Other milling WHEAT | Feed WHEAT | Feed BARLEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| NE England | — | £87.00 | £75.30 |
| Berks, Oxon | — | £85.10 | £76.40 |

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 17.—GB: Cattle, 66.67p per kg lw (+0.18). UK: Sheep, 131.5p per kg est dcw (−2.0). GB: Pigs, 64.4p per kg lw (−1.6). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 2.3 per cent, average price, 65.53p (+0.13). Sheep numbers down 22.2 per cent, average price, 132.0p (−2.1). Pig numbers up 13.2 per cent, average price, 64.4p (−1.9). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 3.8 per cent, average price, 70.77p (+0.67). Sheep numbers down 8.4 per cent, average price, 127.0p (−0.6). Pig numbers down 8.4 per cent, average price, 64.1p (no change).

EGGS: (The London Egg Exchange). In home-produced the overall market remains dull with prices still seeking a stable level. It is too early to assess the reaction to last week's reduction.

Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer/first-hand):

| | Wed/Thur/Fri | Mon/Tues |
|---|---|---|
| **White** | | |
| 1s | 3.50 to 4.00 | 3.40 to 3.70 |
| 2s | 4.10 to 4.40 | 4.10 to 4.30 |
| 3s | 2.80 to 3.10 | 2.70 to 3.00 |
| 4s | 2.70 to 3.00 | 2.65 to 2.80 |
| 5s | 2.00 to 2.20 | 2.00 to 2.20 |
| 6s | 1.60 to 1.80 | 1.60 to 1.80 |
| 7s | 1.20 to 1.40 | 1.20 to 1.40 |
| **Brown** | | |
| 1s | 4.80 to 5.10 | 4.70 to 5.00 |
| 2s | 4.70 to 4.40 | 4.10 to 4.30 |
| 3s | 3.10 to 3.30 | 3.00 to 3.20 |
| 4s | 2.90 to 3.10 | 2.80 to 3.00 |

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

TEA.—The offerings of 54,123 packages met a fair general demand at the weekly auction. Assams, despite some irregularities, were generally 10p to 20p per kilo lower, except for dusts which received a useful inquiry. Dooars were well competed for and gained several pence. Africans opened about 2p to 4p per kilo easier but brighter sorts closed around previous rates. Sri Lankans attracted a good and more general demand. Plain bops were 3p to 5p per kilo dearer, as were the few quality teas on offer. The remainder sold at fully firm to dearer rates. There was a good general demand for south Indian teas. Prices were irregular, however, and tending easier.

## Wall Street

New York, Oct 17.—The New York stock market closed sharply lower for the second straight session today with declining issues overwhelming gainers.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 8.83 points to 866.34. About 1,543 issues declined, with only some 145 higher, on volume of 38,010,000 shares.

A large number of block trades indicated presence of institutions in the selling.

Brokers say that investors fear rising interest rates will lead to a recession.

### Gold rises sharply

New York, Oct 17.—The price of GOLD rose sharply during the day and continued to climb after the London fixing, dealers reported. The late spot price in New York for London delivery was $228-228.50 an ounce, up sharply from the Monday price of $227 and above the London afternoon fixing of $227.75. NY COMEX.—Oct, $228.70; Nov, $229.50; Dec, $231.10; Feb, $234.80; April, $238.50; June, $242.30; Aug, $246.10; Oct, $249.90; Dec, $253.80; Feb, $257.40; April, $261.10; June, $265.30; Aug, $270.30. CHICAGO IMM.—Oct, $223.50 nominal; Dec, 231.10-231.30; March, 236.90-237.10; June, 242.50-242.60; Sept, 248.40; Dec, 254.20 bid; March, 260.30; June, 266.20 asked; Sept, 272.00 bid.

SILVER futures slipped back to unchanged levels after surging to within 0.10 cent of contract highs. Oct, 592.70c; Nov, 594.70c; Dec, 598.70c; Jan, 602.80c; March, 610.90c; May, 619.20c; July, 627.80c; Sept, 636.60c; Dec, 650.50c; Jan, 655.00c; March, 664.40c; May, 673.90c; July, 683.50c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $7.025 (previous Can$6.956).

COPPER futures closed barely steady between 10 points up to 10 points down.—Oct, 66.90c; Nov, 67.20c; Dec, 67.80c; Jan, 68.50c; March, 69.50c; May, 70.50c; July, 71.45c; Sept, 72.35c; Dec, 73.80c; Jan, 74.70c; March, 74.45c; May, 75.25c; July, 76.00c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Jan, 8.70-80c; March, 8.97-99c; May, 9.11-15c; July, 9.28-30c; Sept, 9.35c; Oct, 9.53-54c; Jan, 9.58-80c; March, 9.95-10.0c.

COTTON futures were: Dec, 68.01-10c; March, 70.10-47c; May, 71.55-65c; July, 71.90c; Oct, 67.60-80c; Dec, 66.90c; March, 67.70-80c.

COFFEE futures in "C" contract were: Dec, 151.50-60c; March, 143.00-50c; May, 138.75c; July, 131.75c; Sept, 133.75c; Dec, 128.00-32.00c; March, 124.00-30.00c.

COCOA futures closed 0.90c to 0.60c up. Dec, 165.55c; March, 165.75c; May, 165.50c; July, 163.10c; Sept, 162.00c; Dec, 158.50c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Meal futures dropped $2.00 to $1.20 a ton at the close, at or near lows for the day. Oil futures fell 0.59 to 0.05 cents a lb. SOYABEANS.—Nov, 688-90c; Jan, 696-98c; March, 706-04½-c; May, 705½-07½c; July, 707-07½c; Aug, 666c; Sept, 676-73c; Nov, 665-63c. SOYABEAN OIL.—Oct, 26.60c; Dec, 26.10-15c; Jan, 25.85c; March, 25.60-55c; May, 25.25-35c; July, 25.05-25.06c; Aug, 24.70-75c; Sept, 24.20-50c; Oct, 23.75-85c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Oct, $182.20; Dec, $186.00-6.50; Jan, $186.90-7.00; March, $188.10; May, $188.00-8.50; July, $188.20; Aug, $186.00; Sept, $184.20-4.50; Oct, $182.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—Dec, 331-30½c; March, 348-48½c; May, 343½-45c; July, 332½-32c; Sept, 336½c; Dec, 342½c. CORN.—Dec, 230½-29½c; March, 239½-½c; May, 246½-½c; May, 246½-½c; July, 250-50½c; Sept, 253½-53c; Dec, 259c. OATS.—Dec, 146½c; March, 154½-½c; May, 157½c; July, 157½c.

| | Oct 17 | Oct 16 | | Oct 17 | Oct 16 | | Oct 17 | Oct 16 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allied Chem | 35⅛ | 35⅝ | Fst Penn Corp | 15⅞ | 15⅞ | Raytheon | 48¾ | 48⅝ |
| Allied Stores | 25⅛ | 25 | Ford | 45⅛ | 45⅞ | RCA Corp | 28 | 29⅛ |
| Allied Supermkt | 2⅞ | 2⅞ | GAF Corp | 13 | 13⅞ | Republic Steel | 25⅞ | 25⅞ |
| Allis Chalmers | 33⅛ | 34¼ | Gamble Skogmo | 35⅛ | 36⅛ | Reynolds Ind | 59⅞ | 60¾ |
| Alcoa | 49⅛ | 50 | Gen Dynamics | 83 | 83¾ | Reynolds Metal | 36⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Amax Inc | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | Gen Electric | 51⅛ | 51⅞ | Rockwell Int | 36⅛ | 36⅞ |
| Amerada Hess | 29⅞ | 30⅛ | Gen Foods | 33⅞ | 33⅞ | Royal Dutch | 64¾ | 64⅛ |
| Am Airlines | 15⅛ | 16⅛ | Gen Mills | 28⅞ | 29⅛ | Safeways | 43⅛ | 43⅞ |
| Am Brands | 51 | 51⅛ | Gen Motors | 62⅞ | 63⅞ | St Regis Paper | 32 | 32⅞ |
| Am Broadcast | 37⅞ | 36⅞ | Gen Pub Util NY | 19⅞ | 15⅞ | Santa Fe Ind | 33⅛ | 34 |
| Am Can | 38 | 38⅛ | Gen Tel Elec | 30⅛ | 30⅞ | SCM | 21 | 21⅞ |
| Am Cyanamid | 27⅞ | 28 | Gen Tire | 26⅞ | 27 | Schlumberger | 87⅞ | 87⅞ |
| Am Elec Power | 23⅛ | 23⅞ | Genesco | 5⅞ | 5⅞ | Scott Paper | 15⅞ | 16⅞ |
| Am Home | 28 | 28⅞ | Georgia Pacific | 28⅞ | 28⅞ | Seaboard Coast | 31⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Am Motors | 6⅛ | 6⅛ | Getty Oil | 40⅛ | 41 | Seagram | 27 | 27⅞ |
| Am Nat Res | 43⅛ | 44⅛ | Gillette | 29⅞ | 30⅛ | Sears Roebuck | 22⅞ | 22⅞ |
| Am Standard | 48⅛ | 49⅛ | Goodrich | 19⅛ | 20⅛ | Shell Oil | 34⅞ | 34⅞ |
| Am Telephone | 62⅞ | 63⅞ | Goodyear | 17⅛ | 17⅞ | Shell Trans | 45⅛ | 45⅞ |
| AMF Inc | 20⅛ | 20⅛ | Gould Inc | 31 | 31⅞ | Signal Co | 53 | 55⅞ |
| Armco Steel | 20⅞ | 21⅞ | Grace | 31⅛ | 31⅞ | Singer | 18 | 19⅞ |
| Asarco | 15⅛ | 16 | Gt Atlic & Pacific | 6⅞ | 6⅞ | Sony | 7⅞ | 7⅞ |
| Ashland Oil | 45⅞ | 45⅞ | Greyhound | 13⅞ | 13⅞ | Sth Cal Edison | 25⅞ | 25⅞ |
| Atlntic Richfield | 55⅞ | 54⅞ | Grumman Corp | 17⅞ | 18⅞ | Southern Pacific | 30⅛ | 30⅞ |
| Avco | 27⅞ | 28⅞ | Gulf Oil | 25 | 25⅛ | Southern Rly | 53 | 53⅞ |
| Avon Products | 55⅞ | 56⅞ | Gulf & West | 15⅛ | 14 | Sperry Rand | 44⅛ | 44⅞ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 37⅞ | 38⅞ | Heinz H. J. | 43⅛ | 43⅞ | Std Brands | 25 | 26⅛ |
| Bank of America | 27⅞ | 27⅞ | Hercules | 16⅞ | 16⅞ | Std Oil Califnia | 46⅞ | 47⅞ |
| Bank of NY | 33 | 38 | Honeywell | 65⅞ | 66⅞ | Std Oil Indiana | 53⅞ | 54⅞ |
| Beatrice Foods | 26⅛ | 26⅛ | IC Inds | 26⅞ | 26⅞ | Std Oil Ohio | 37⅞ | 39⅛ |
| Bell & Howell | 19⅞ | 20 | Ingersoll | 59 | 59⅞ | Sterling Drug | 16⅞ | 16⅞ |
| Bendix | 39⅛ | 39⅛ | Inland Steel | 37 | 38 | Stevens J. P. | 13⅞ | 15⅛ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 23⅛ | 23⅛ | IBM | 278⅞ | 279 | Stude Worth | 62⅞ | 64 |
| Boeing | 65⅞ | 65⅞ | Int Harvester | 38⅞ | 39⅛ | Sunbeam Corp | 21⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Boise Cascade | 30⅞ | 31⅞ | INCO | 17⅞ | 17⅞ | Sun Comp | 41⅞ | 41⅞ |
| Burden | 28⅞ | 29 | Int Paper | 44 | 44⅞ | Teledyne | 100⅞ | 104⅞ |
| Borg Warner | 32⅞ | 32⅞ | Int Tel Tel | 30⅛ | 31⅞ | Tenneco | 32⅛ | 33⅞ |
| Bristol Myers | 33⅞ | 34⅞ | Jewel Co | 21⅞ | 22⅞ | Texaco | 24⅞ | 24⅞ |
| BP | 18 | 18 | Jim Walter | 31⅞ | 32 | Texas East Corp | 36⅞ | 37 |
| Burlington Ind | 19⅞ | 19 | Johns-Manville | 31⅞ | 32⅞ | Texas Inst | 84⅞ | 86 |
| Burlington Nthn | 42⅞ | 43⅞ | Johnson & John | 84⅞ | 85⅞ | Texas Utilities | 19⅞ | 19⅞ |
| Burroughs | 72⅞ | 73 | Kaiser Alumin | 38 | 38⅞ | Textron | 31⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Campbell Soup | 35⅞ | 35⅞ | Kennecott | 26⅞ | 26⅞ | TWA | 21⅞ | 22⅞ |
| Canadian Pacific | 20 | 20⅞ | Kerr McGee | 48⅛ | 47⅞ | Travelers Corp | 37⅞ | 38⅞ |
| Caterpillar | 59⅞ | 59⅞ | Kimberly Clark | 46⅞ | 47 | TRW Inc | 38 | 38 |
| Celanese | 41⅞ | 42⅞ | Kraftco Corp | 47⅞ | 48 | UAL Inc | 35⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Central Soya | 13⅞ | 14⅞ | K Mart | 26⅞ | 27⅞ | Unilever Ltd | 46 | 46 |
| Charter NY | 33⅞ | 34⅞ | Kroger | 34⅞ | 34⅞ | Unilever NV | 61⅞ | 61⅞ |
| Chase Manhat | 33 | 33 | Liggett Group | 33 | 34⅞ | Union Bancorp | 27⅞ | 27⅞ |
| Chem Bank NY | 43⅛ | 43⅞ | LTV Corp | 9⅞ | 10⅞ | Union Carbide | 39⅞ | 40 |
| Chesapeake Ohio | 29⅞ | 30 | Litton | 25⅞ | 26⅞ | Union Oil Calif | 55⅞ | 56⅞ |
| Chrysler | 11 | 11⅞ | Lockheed | 24⅞ | 27⅞ | Un Pacific Corp | 57 | 59⅞ |
| Citicorp | 26⅞ | 27⅞ | Lucky Stores | 16⅞ | 16⅞ | Uniroyal | 7⅞ | 7⅞ |
| Cities Service | 55⅞ | 56⅞ | Manuf Hanover | 38⅞ | 39⅞ | United Brands | 12⅞ | 12⅞ |
| Clark Equip | 38⅞ | 39⅞ | Mapco | 33⅞ | 33⅞ | US Industries | 8⅞ | 8⅞ |
| Coca Cola | 43⅞ | 44⅞ | Marathon Oil | 52⅞ | 53⅞ | US Steel | 26⅞ | 26⅞ |
| Colgate | 19⅞ | 19⅞ | Marine Midland | 16⅞ | 17⅞ | Utd Technol | 43⅞ | 43⅞ |
| CBS | 54⅞ | 55⅞ | Martin Marietta | 30⅞ | 32⅞ | Wachovia | 19⅞ | 19⅞ |
| Columbia Gas | 27⅞ | 27⅞ | McDonnell | 31⅞ | 32⅞ | Warner Lambert | 26⅞ | 26⅞ |
| Combustion Eng | 36 | 36⅞ | Mead | 30⅞ | 31 | Wells Fargo | 31 | 30⅞ |
| Comwlth Edison | 26⅞ | 26⅞ | Memorex | 49⅞ | 49⅞ | West'n Bancorp | 29⅞ | 29⅞ |
| Cons Edison | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | Merck | 57⅞ | 58⅞ | Westinghse Elec | 20⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Cons Foods | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | Minnesota Mng | 59 | 59⅞ | Weyerhauser | 29 | 29⅞ |
| Cons Power | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | Mobil Oil | 69⅞ | 71⅞ | Whirlpool | 22⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Continental Grp | 30⅞ | 31 | Monsanto | 57⅞ | 58⅞ | White Motor | 11⅞ | 12⅞ |
| Continental Oil | 28⅞ | 29⅞ | Morgan J. P. | 45⅞ | 50 | Woolworth | 20⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Control Data | 35⅞ | 37 | Motorola | 42⅞ | 43⅞ | Xerox Corp | 53⅞ | 54⅞ |
| Corning Glass | 58 | 59⅞ | NCR Corp | 64⅞ | 65⅞ | Zenith | 14⅞ | 15⅞ |
| CPC Intnl | 51⅞ | 52⅞ | NL Industries | 21⅞ | 22 | | | |
| Crane | 30⅞ | 33⅞ | Nabisco | 27⅞ | 25 | | | |
| Crocker Int | 28⅞ | 29⅞ | Nat Distillers | 21⅞ | 21⅞ | | | |
| Crown Zeller | 34⅞ | 35⅞ | Nat Steel | 31⅞ | 31⅞ | | | |
| Dart Ind | 43 | 43⅞ | Norfolk West | 25⅞ | 26⅞ | | | |
| Deere | 34 | 34⅞ | NW Bancorp | 25⅞ | 26⅞ | | | |
| Del Monte | 41⅞ | 42⅞ | Norton Simon | 19⅞ | 19⅞ | | | |
| Delta Air | 46⅞ | 48⅞ | Occidental Pet | 19⅞ | 19⅞ | | | |
| Detroit Edison | 15⅞ | 13⅞ | Ogden | 31⅞ | 33⅞ | | | |
| Disney | 41⅞ | 42⅞ | Olin Corp | 24 | 24⅞ | | | |
| Dow Chemical | 27⅞ | 28⅞ | Owens-Illinois | 20⅞ | 21⅞ | | | |
| Dresser Ind | 41⅞ | 43⅞ | Pacific Gas Elec | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | | | |
| Duke Power | 20⅞ | 19⅞ | Pan Am | 7⅞ | 8⅞ | | | |
| Du Pont | 131⅞ | 132 | Penney J. C. | 37⅞ | 37⅞ | | | |
| Eastern Air | 11 | 12⅞ | Pennzoil | 30⅞ | 31⅞ | | | |
| Eastman Kodak | 61⅞ | 61⅞ | Pepsico | 27⅞ | 28⅞ | | | |
| Eaton Corp | 39⅞ | 39⅞ | Pfizer | 33⅞ | 35⅞ | | | |
| El Paso Nat Gas | 18⅞ | 17⅞ | Phelps Dodge | 25⅞ | 25⅞ | | | |
| Equitable Life | 20⅞ | 20⅞ | Philip Morris | 71⅞ | 71 | | | |
| Esmark | 27⅞ | 28⅞ | Phillips Petrol | 32 | 32⅞ | | | |
| Evans P. D. | 20⅞ | 22⅞ | Polaroid | 49⅞ | 50 | | | |
| Exxon Corp | 50⅞ | 51⅞ | PPG Ind | 28⅞ | 30⅞ | | | |
| Fed Dept Stores | 33⅞ | 34⅞ | Proctor Gamble | 86 | 87⅞ | | | |
| Firestone | 12⅞ | 13⅞ | Pub Ser El & Gas | 23 | 23⅞ | | | |
| Fst Chicago | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | Pullman | 42⅞ | 44⅞ | | | |
| Fst Nat Boston | 30⅞ | 31⅞ | Rapid American | 15 | 15⅞ | | | |

**Canadian Prices**

| | Oct 17 | Oct 16 |
|---|---|---|
| Abitibi | 17⅞ | 17⅞ |
| Alcan Alumin | 39⅞ | 39⅞ |
| Algoma Steel | 24 | 25 |
| Bell Telephone | 61⅞ | 61⅞ |
| Cominco | 31⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Cons Bathurst | 35⅞ | 36 |
| Falconbridge | 33⅞ | 34⅞ |
| Gulf Oil | 31⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Hawker Sid Can | 8.88 | 8.88 |
| Hudson Bay Min | 22⅞ | 22⅞ |
| Hudson Bay Oil | 43⅞ | 43⅞ |
| Imasco | 37⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Imperial Oil | 22⅞ | 23⅞ |
| Int Pipe | 17 | 16⅞ |
| Mass.-Fergsn | 13⅞ | 12⅞ |
| Royal Trust | 18⅞ | 19⅞ |
| Seagram | 31⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Steel Co | 27⅞ | 28⅞ |
| Talcorp | 11 | 11 |
| Thomson N 'A' | 14⅞ | 14⅞ |
| Walker Hiram | 37⅞ | 37⅞ |
| WCT | 11⅞ | 12⅞ |

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9955 (1.9935); three months, 1.9800 (1.9770). Canadian dollar 84.85 (84.27).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 384.07. The futures index was 382.43.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 866.34 (875.17); transportation 237.34 (243.96); utilities 104.84 (105.84); 65 stocks, 297.66 (302.08). New York Stock Exchange index, 56.89 (57.80): industrials 62.10 (63.16); transportation 47.19 (48.84); utilities 39.74 (40.05); financial 61.40 (62.43).

## W A Tyzack has strong final leg

In spite of a poor first half-year, trade at W. A. Tyzack brightened considerably in the last stage and pre-tax profits rose by 25 per cent to £541,000 in the year to July 31. The total dividend, gross, is being lifted from 1.93p to 2.11p, the maximum permitted. Sheffield-based Tyzack makes engineering components.

## Recent Issues

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## Bank Base Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN Bank | 10% |
| Barclays Bank | 10% |
| BCCI Bank | 10% |
| Consolidated Crdts | 10% |
| C. Hoare & Co | *10% |
| Lloyds Bank | 10% |
| London Mercantile | 10% |
| Midland Bank | 10% |
| Nat Westminster | 10% |
| Rossminster | 10% |
| TSB | 10% |
| Williams and Glyn's | 10% |

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000, 7½%.

## US 'is reviewing sugar possibilities'

Canberra, Oct 17.—Mr Doug Anthony, the Australian Trade and Resources Minister, said he believes that the United States Administration is urgently studying what action it can take following the Senate's failure to pass the legislation enabling America to operate as a full member of the International Sugar Agreement (ISA).

He told parliament that America is fully conscious of the serious implications of its not passing the legislation, particularly for developing countries.

However, this failure will not stop the ISA from continuing, Mr Anthony added.

## Foreign Exchange

The dollar continued its decline on foreign exchanges yesterday plunging to fresh "lows" against many major currencies. Although able to stage a half-hearted rally in places at the close, with the help of central bank intervention, there was no indication of any general recovery.

Dealers reported extremely nervous conditions with confidence in the dollar virtually non-existent. Monday's realignment measures involving the Deutschmark within the joint float, have been of no benefit to the dollar where the overriding concern continues to be the parlous state of the United States economy.

Sterling, which a couple of times during the day had breached the $2 level, was trimmed back by Bank of England intervention but still finished the session 70 points higher at $1.9960. The effective exchange index, however, finished lower at 62.1.

Against the dollar Deutschmarks closed at 1.8380 (1.8530). The yen finished at 181.70 (183.90), with the Swiss franc stronger at 1.5100 (1.5200).

Gold gained $3.75 an ounce to close in London at $228.125.

## Spot Position of Sterling

| | Market rates (day's range) October 17 | Market rates (close) October 17 |
|---|---|---|
| New York | $1.9910-2.0010 | $1.9955-9965 |
| Montreal | $2.3550-3730 | $2.3555-3565 |
| Amsterdam | 4.00-04fl | 4.02¼-03¼fl |
| Brussels | 58.00-35f | 58.05-15f |
| Copenhagen | 10.22-28k | 10.24¼-25¼k |
| Frankfurt | 3.66-69m | 3.66¾-67¼m |
| Lisbon | 89.50-90.75e | 89.00-40e |
| Madrid | 139.00-140.10p | 139.00-10p |
| Milan | 1,621-27lr | 1,622¼-23¼lr |
| Oslo | 9.79-87k | 9.81¼-82¼k |
| Paris | 8.42-47¼f | 8.46-46f |
| Stockholm | 8.57¼-63k | 8.58-59k |
| Tokyo | 359-70y | 362-64y |
| Vienna | 26.75-95sch | 26.75-85sch |
| Zurich | 3.00-0.05f | 3.01-03¼f |

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was down at [illegible] 62.1 per cent.

## Forward Levels

| | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|
| New York | .50-.40c prem | 1.55-1.45c prem |
| Montreal | .60-.50c prem | 1.65-1.55c prem |
| Amsterdam | ¾c prem-¼c disc | 3¼-2¾c prem |
| Brussels | 10-20c disc | 20-10c prem |
| Copenhagen | 1¼-13½ore disc | 20¼-12¼ore disc |
| Frankfurt | 3¼-2⅞pf prem | 9¼-8¼pf prem |
| Lisbon | 70-170c disc | 200-400c disc |
| Madrid | 25-125c disc | 120-220c disc |
| Milan | 2-4lr disc | 7¼-9¼lr disc |
| Oslo | 3¼-5½ore disc | 7-9ore disc |
| Paris | 3¼-1¾c prem | 8-7c prem |
| Stockholm | 2¼-¼ore prem | 6¼-4¼ore prem |
| Vienna | 17-7gro prem | 45-35gro prem |
| Zurich | 3¼-2¾c prem | 10¼-9¼c prem |

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 84.85-71.

## Euro-$ Deposits

Calls, 8¼-9; seven days, 8¼-9¼; one month, 9¼-9¾; three months, 10⅛-10⅜; six months, 10⅛-10⅜.

## Gold

Gold fixed: am, $228.0 (an ounce); pm, $227.75.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $233¼-235¼ (£117-118); resident, $234-236 (£117½-118½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $61½-63½ (£31-32); resident, $64¼-66¼ (£32¼-33¼).

## Discount market

The Bank of England was required to give large-scale assistance to relieve the shortage of day-to-day credit yesterday. The help was channelled via purchases of a large amount of Treasury bills and a small quantity of corporation bills directly from the houses.

Overnight money inter-bank climbed to around 9½ per cent early on. But houses opened at 8¾-9 per cent and for much of the session were most reluctant to pay more than 8½ or 8¾ per cent for fresh funds, probably preferring to sell paper in the current extremely nervous conditions.

After the bank's programme of assistance, rates fell away to 6 per cent, and closing balances were taken anywhere from 6 per cent to 7½ per cent.

There was a small quantity of Treasury bills maturing in the market's favour. But banks' balances were slightly down overnight; there was a sizeable excess of Revenue transfers to the Exchequer over Government disbursements, and note circulation increased slightly. "Hot" Treasury bills rose another ¼ to around 10 per cent, while period rates firmed another ⅛ to ¼ across the board.

## Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10% (Last changed 8/6/78)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans %

Overnight: High 9 Low 6

Week Fixed: 8½-9

**Treasury Bills (Dis %)**

| Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 9⅝ | 2 months | 9⅞ |
| 3 months | 10⅛ | 3 months | 9⅞ |

**Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) Trades (Dis %)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 10⅛-10⅞ | 3 months | 11⅛ |
| 3 months | 10⅝-10⅞ | 4 months | 11⅛ |
| 4 months | 11⅛-10⅞ | 6 months | 11⅛ |
| 6 months | 11⅛-11 | | |

**Local Authority Bonds**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 10¼-10 | 7 months | 11-10¾ |
| 2 months | 10¼-10¼ | 8 months | 11-10¾ |
| 3 months | 10⅞-10½ | 9 months | 11⅛-11 |
| 4 months | 11-10¾ | 10 months | 11⅛-11 |
| 5 months | 11-10¾ | 11 months | 11⅛-11 |
| 6 months | 11-10¾ | 12 months | 11⅛-11 |

**Secondary Mkt. CD Rates (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 10⅛-9⅞ | 6 months | 11⅛-11 |
| 3 months | 10⅝-10⅜ | 12 months | 11⅛-10⅞ |

**Local Authority Market (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 days | 9⅛-9¼ | 3 months | 10⅛ |
| 7 days | 9⅛-9⅝ | 6 months | 11 |
| 1 month | 10 | 1 year | 11-11⅛ |

**Interbank Market (%)**

Overnight: Open 9⅞ Close 6

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 week | 9¼-9⅛ | 6 months | 11⅛-11⅛ |
| 1 month | 10¼-10 | 9 months | 11⅛-11⅛ |
| 3 months | 11⅛-11 | 12 months | 11⅛-11⅛ |

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %): 3 months 11⅛, 6 months 11⅛

Finance House Base Rate 9½%

## TECALEMIT

Following approval from French Government, acquisition of a 70 per cent interest in Fogautolube SA for 13.8m francs has been completed.



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The Over-the-Counter Market

| 1977/78 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div (p) | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | 29 | Airsprung Ord | 78 | — | 5.5 | 7.0 | 10.3 |
| 215 | 106 | Airsprung 18½% CULS | 215 | — | 18.5 | 8.6 | — |
| 46 | 25 | Armitage & Rhodes | 44 | — | 3.6 | 8.1 | 8.0 |
| 182 | 105 | Bardon Hill | 182 | — | 12.0 | 6.5 | 9.9 |
| 143 | 51 | Deborah Ord | 139 | — | 5.6 | 4.0 | 8.6 |
| 242 | 108 | Deborah 17½% CULS | 242 | — | 17.5 | 7.2 | — |
| 147 | 120 | Frederick Parker | 132 | — | 12.4 | 9.3 | 5.2 |
| 154 | 135 | George Blair | 154 | — | 15.0 | 9.7 | 5.7 |
| 60 | 36 | Jackson Group | 60 | — | 5.0 | 8.3 | 7.0 |
| 116 | 55 | James Burrough | 116 | — | 6.5 | 5.6 | 10.7 |
| 340 | 188 | Robert Jenkins | 308 | — | 29.7 | 9.6 | 5.1 |
| 24 | 9 | Twinlock Ord | 22 | — | — | — | 19.6 |
| 82 | 54 | Twinlock 12% ULS | 76xd | — | 12.0 | 15.7 | — |
| 97 | 54 | Unilock Holdings | 97 | — | 7.4 | 7.6 | 10.4 |
| 122 | 67 | Walter Alexander | 120 | — | 7.2 | 6.0 | 7.4 |





# APEX PROPERTIES LIMITED

(Property Investment and Development)

2 FOR 1 SCRIP ISSUE

*Salient points from the statement of Mr John de Vere Hunt, the Chairman, presented at yesterday's Annual General Meeting.*

Although gross rents receivable increased from £814,845 to £883,934, there has been a slight fall in pre-tax profits from £422,116 last year to £405,703. The recommended final dividend is 2.7p per stock unit making a total of 3.9p for the year, against 3.48p last year, and is covered 1.42 times by earnings.

Although the next major rent review will not be until 1981 the pre-tax profits earned in 1977 will be fully covered by rental income in the year ending 31st March, 1979, before taking into account any interest receivable. Your directors consider that the Group's properties have a market value of about £5m in excess of book figures.

It has been decided to recommend to stockholders a capitalisation of part of the amount standing to the credit of Capital Reserve by means of a scrip issue of two new stock units of ten pence each fully paid for every one held. This will increase the issued share capital from the present figure of £359,033 to £1,077,098 and enable the company's stock units to attain trustee status.



# Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

| 1977/78 High Bid | Low Offer | Trust | Bid | Offer | Yield |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Authorized Unit Trusts** | | | |
| | | **Abbey Unit Trust Managers.** 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941 | | | |
| 37.3 | 24.8 | Abbey Capital | 34.9 | 37.3 | 4.42 |
| 50.4 | 35.7 | Abbey General | 47.3 | 50.3 | 4.15 |
| 44.3 | 29.8 | Do Income | 41.9 | 44.6 | 5.79 |
| 40.7 | 27.6 | Do Invest | 37.4 | 39.5 | 4.15 |
| 74.9 | 50.7 | Equitas Prog | 68.6 | 72.4 | 3.94 |
| | | **Alben Trust Managers Ltd.** Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, EC1Y 4TY 01-588 6371 | | | |
| | | **Allied Hambro Group.** Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851 | | | |
| | | **Arbuthnot Securities Ltd.** 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281 | | | |
| | | **Barclays Unicorn Ltd.** 252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544 | | | |
| | | **Bridge Fund Managers Ltd.** 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951 | | | |
| | | **Britannia Trust Management Ltd.** 3 London Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL 01-638 0478 | | | |
| | | **The British Life.** Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells 0892 22271 | | | |
| 50.1 | 40.9 | British Life | 52.1 | 55.1 | 5.63 |
| 55.0 | 34.3 | Balanced (2) | 50.5 | 54.0 | 5.32 |
| 46.7 | 32.2 | Dividend (2) | 43.8 | 46.8 | 9.15 |
| | | **Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.** Founders' Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520 | | | |
| | | **Canada Life Unit Trust Managers.** 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122 | | | |
| | | **Capel (James) Management Ltd.** 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ 01-588 6010 | | | |
| | | **Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.** Milburn House, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165 | | | |
| | | **Central Board of Fin of The Church of England** 77 London Wall, London, EC2N 1DB 01-588 1815 | | | |
| | | **Charities Charities Narrower-Range Fund.** 15 Moorgate, London, EC2 01-638 4121 | | | |
| | | **Charities Official Investment Fund.** 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815 | | | |
| | | **Chieftain Trust Managers Ltd.** 11 New St, London, EC2M 4TP 01-283 2632 | | | |
| | | **Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931 | | | |
| | | **Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32915 | | | |
| 72.1 | 52.5 | Equity & Law | 68.5 | 72.1 | 4.29 |
| | | **James Finlay Unit Trust Management Ltd.** 10-14 West Nile St, Glasgow. 041-204 1321 | | | |
| | | **Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.** Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971 | | | |
| | | **Friends Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey. 0306-5055 | | | |
| | | **Funds in Court** Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300 | | | |
| | | **G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300 | | | |
| | | **G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.** 16 Finsbury Circus, EC2M 7DJ. 01-628 8131 | | | |
| | | **Gartmore Fund Managers.** 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531 | | | |
| | | **Grieveson Management Co Ltd.** 59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433 | | | |
| | | **Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.** Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-628 1031 | | | |
| 100.9 | 86.7 | Guardhill | 95.3 | 98.7 | 4.30 |
| | | **Henderson Administration.** 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300 | | | |
| | | **Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** 45 Beech St, EC2 P2X. 01-628 8011 | | | |
| | | **Key Fund Managers.** 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070 | | | |
| | | **Kleinwort Benson Unit Managers.** 20 Fenchurch Street, EC3 01-623 8000 | | | |
| 99.6 | 88.9 | KB Unit Fd Inc | 91.1 | 99.3 | 5.29 |
| 119.8 | 99.4 | KB Unit Fd Acc | 115.3 | 125.4 | 5.29 |
| | | **Lawson Securities.** 37 Queen's St, London EC4R 1BY. 01-236 5281 | | | |
| | | **Legal & General Tyndall Fund.** 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241 | | | |
| 64.4 | 38.6 | Distribution (40) | 63.2 | 65.8 | 4.60 |
| 81.2 | 45.8 | Do Accum (40) | 80.0 | 84.6 | 4.60 |
| | | **Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.** 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288 | | | |
| | | **Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust.** 77 London Wall, EC2N 1DB. 01-588 1815 | | | |
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| | | **Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 3RD 0742-79842 | | | |
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| | | **Pearl Unit Trust Managers Ltd.** 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441 | | | |
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| | | **Practical Investment Co Ltd.** 44 Bloomsbury Square, WC1. 01-623 8893 | | | |
| | | **Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.** 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533 | | | |
| | | **Prudential Unit Trust Managers.** Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222 | | | |
| | | **Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.** Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells 0892 22271 | | | |
| | | **Rothschild Asset Management.** 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941 | | | |
| | | **Save & Prosper Group.** 4 Great St Helens, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717 | | | |
| | | **Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.** 140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441 | | | |
| | | **J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.** 120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 3434 | | | |
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| | | **Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.** 19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh. 3 031-229 8621 | | | |
| | | **TSB Unit Trusts.** 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188 | | | |
| | | **Transatlantic & General Securities.** 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651 | | | |
| | | **Tyndall Managers Ltd.** 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241 | | | |
| | | **London Wall Group.** | | | |
| | | **Unit Trust Account & Management.** King William St, EC4R 9AR 01-623 4951 | | | |
| 173.0 | 100.0 | Friars Hse Fund | 167.0 | 176.0 | 4.30 |
| 20.4 | 14.0 | Gt Winchester | 19.0 | 20.1 | 4.68 |
| 20.8 | 17.0 | Do Overseas | 20.2 | 22.5 | 3.95 |
| | | **Insurance Bonds and Funds** | | | |
| | | **Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd.** 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111 | | | |
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| | | **AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.** Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101 | | | |
| | | **Barclays Life Assurance Co.** Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544 | | | |
| | | **Beehive Life Assurance.** 71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS 01-623 1288 | | | |
| 134.2 | 102.6 | Black Horse Bnd | .. | 133.7 | .. |
| | | **Cannon Assurance Ltd.** 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876 | | | |
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| | | **Cornhill Insurance.** 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410 | | | |
| | | **Crown Life Insurance Co.** Crown Life Hse, Woking, Surrey. 04862 5033 | | | |
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| | | **Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.** 15-17 Tavistock Place, London, WC1. 01-387 5020 | | | |
| 37.9 | 34.3 | Property Bond | 37.2 | 39.3 | .. |
| | | **Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.** NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355 | | | |
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| 82.8 | 51.1 | Hodge Bonds | 80.4 | 84.6 | .. |
| 89.3 | 59.9 | Takeover | 84.1 | 88.5 | .. |
| | | **Imperial Life Ass Co of Canada.** Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255 | | | |
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| | | **The London & Manchester Group.** Winslade Park, Exeter. 0392 52155 | | | |
| | | **Manufacturers Life Insurance.** Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101 | | | |
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| | | **Property Equity & Life Ass Co.** 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857 | | | |
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| 208.3 | 184.0 | Rel Prop Bnd | .. | 205.3 | .. |
| | | **Save & Prosper Group.** 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 1717 | | | |
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| | | **Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.** 2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400 | | | |
| | | **Target Life Assurance.** Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941 | | | |
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| | | **Vanbrugh Pensions Limited** | | | |
| | | **Welfare Insurance.** Winslade Park, Exeter. 0392 52155 | | | |
| 110.9 | 74.6 | Money Maker | .. | 109.2 | .. |
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| 122.0 | 84.0 | Capital Trust | 117.0 | 120.0 | 4.18 |
| 125.0 | 107.0 | Eastern Int | 115.0 | 122.0 | 3.07 |
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| 177.5 | 138.5 | Int Man Fnd (30) | 177.0 | 192.5 | .. |
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| 157.0 | 110.9 | Channel Isle | 150.0 | 160.3 | 3.70 |
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| 130.0 | 98.4 | Samuel Jersey | 122.7 | 131.0 | 2.80 |
| | | **Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.** Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda | | | |
| | | **Kemp-Gee Management Jersey Ltd.** 1 Charing Cross, St Helier, Jersey. 0534-73741 | | | |
| 105.1 | 82.1 | Kemp-Gee Cap | 99.9 | 102.0 | .. |
| 73.4 | 65.6 | Kemp-Gee Inc | 69.7 | 71.9 | 8.66 |
| | | **Kleinwort Benson Ltd.** 20 Fenchurch Street, EC3 01-623 8000 | | | |
| | | **M & G Group.** Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588 | | | |
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| 29.1 | 19.7 | Int Fund (34) | 23.3 | 24.5 | 5.49 |
| | | **Oliver Heath & Co.** 31 Malew St, Castletown, IOM. 0624 823745 | | | |
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| | | **SF Commodity Holdings Ltd.** 10 12 George's Street, Douglas IOM. 0624 25015 | | | |
| 108.9 | 100.0 | Wren Comm Tst | 109.9 | 111.0 | .. |
| | | **Save & Prosper International.** Dealis, 37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591 | | | |
| | | **Schroder Life Group.** Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 27733 | | | |
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| | | **Surinvest Trust Managers Ltd.** 30 Athol St, Douglas, IOM. 0624 23914 | | | |
| 114.3 | 96.8 | The Silver Tst | 113.3 | 118.0 | .. |
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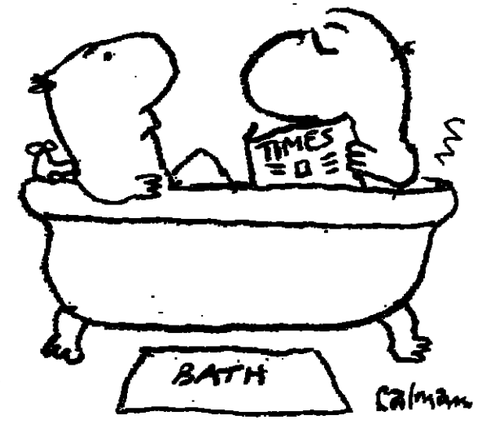
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# Broadcasting Guide

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## PERSONAL CHOICE



[Jud]i Dench, one of the guest artists in tonight's Morecambe [and] Wise Show (ITV, 8.00)

[V]iewers who might otherwise be tempted to reach for the [off]" switch, should be advised that tonight's profile of [Van]essa Redgrave (BBC 2, 11.05) is devoted much more to the [actr]ess than the political animal. Thus, it is the exact opposite [of th]e recent profile of Jane Fonda. The Arena production [team] have chosen a strong peg on which to hang tonight's film [: M]iss Redgrave's return to the stage, after five years, in Ibsen's [Lad]y from the Sea. We shall see her Ellida in rehearsal at [Man]chester, and then in performance there, and there will be [plenty o]f reminders of her work in other roles such as Miss Brodie, [Ros]alind (As You Like It) and Isadora Duncan. She won a [Hol]lywood Oscar this year for her acting in Julia, and tonight [we] see the scene from that film which, I am told, more than [any] other scene was instrumental in gaining Miss Redgrave [the] award.

[A]nother strong peg is in use earlier tonight on BBC 2 in [The] Money Programme. The interview with Roy Jenkins, [Pre]sident of the EEC Commission, is transmitted on the same [day] that Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey fly to Bonn to outline the [Gov]ernment's position on the European Monetary System. Mr [Jen]kins is the architect of EMS and he will explain tonight [why] he thinks it is vital for Britain to join the system on [Jan]uary 1 next year.

I'm afraid that tonight's episode of the J. M. Barrie story [(BB]C 2, 9.25) is enveloped in gloom—two deaths, the Barries' [div]orce—but, as long as you don't sit there expecting so much as [a s]mile to soften anyone's features, you are in for some very [hig]h quality suffering indeed from which everyone—actors, [wr]iter and unseen musicians—emerges with reputation enchanced. [Th]e character delineation in Andrew Birkin's trilogy has been [ex]traordinarily detailed which partly explains why the plays [ap]pear to be so slow-moving.

Radio offers two programmes tonight which nobody [int]erested in the theatre should miss without having a cast-iron [exc]use. An Actor in His Time (Radio 4, 10.30) is the first of 11 [pro]grammes in which Sir John Gielgud will talk to John [Mil]ler about his life in the theatre. Tonight, he discusses the [Ter]rys: Ellen Terry was, of course, his great-aunt. Then, on [Rad]io 3 at 7.30, King Lear through the Ages examines the [cha]nges that have marked the play's progress. It is a [cur]tain-raiser to next Thursday's historic event—a repeat [bro]adcast of the whole of Donald Wolfit's memorable 1949 [per]formance in Lear.

[WH]AT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; * BLACK AND WHITE; [†] REPEAT.

## TELEVISION

### BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55): 6.40, King Lear; 7.05, Linear Maths—review; 7.30, Mechanics—examination.

9.15, For Schools, colleges (until 10.45): 9.15, Engineering Craft Studies (heat); 9.38, Twentieth-century History (Hitler's Germany); 10.00, Landscape; 10.23, Music time. 10.45, You and Me: for the four- and five-year-olds.

11.00, For Schools, colleges (until 12.30): 11.00, Exploring Science (oil); 11.23, Words and Pictures; 11.40, Biology (the kidney); 12.05, Digame (4).

12.45 pm, News and weather. 1.00, Pebble Mill: including Michael Smith's cookery item Grace and Flavour.

1.45, Over the Moon: for the very young.

2.01, For Schools, colleges (until 3.00): 2.01, Watch (shiny things); 2.18, Scan: the black lamp: 2.40, Physical Science (chemical technology).

3.53, Regional News (not London).

3.55, Play School: Alex Tolstoy's story The Great Big Enormous Turnip.

4.20, Wally Gator: cartoon.

4.25, Jackanory: Patrick Moore reads his own story Planet of Fear.

4.40, Animal Magic: how they made a full-length cartoon film out of Richard Adams's Watership Down.

5.05, John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel.

5.10, Touch and Go: children's serial about a bomb thought to be planted in a naval college.

5.35, Ivor the Engine: Oliver Postgate's story Old Nell.

5.55, Nationwide: topical news items and features.

6.50, It's a Knockout: the fifth heat finds Stuart Hall and Eddie Waring (and, of course, the competitors, which include East Kilbride) in Bougoin-Jallieu in France.

8.05, Secret Army: adventure stories about escape routes during the Second World War. Tonight: an operation to rescue Monique (Angela Richards) from hospital.

9.00, News, with Richard Whitmore.

9.25, The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin: comedy series starring Leonard Rossiter and Pauline Yates.

9.55, Sportsnight: Jim Watt fights Antonio Guinalso in a bid to retain his European lightweight title. Plus highlights from today's rugby clash between Cambridge University and the New Zealand tourists.

11.20, Tonight: has the Government been taken for a ride in providing over £50m to help provide jobs in Ulster? Jeremy Paxman finds out.

12.00, Weather/Regional News.

BBC 1 variations: WALES: 10.00 am, Hwnt ac Yma. 2.18, Ffenestri. 5.10, Bilidowcar. 6.50, Heddiw. 7.15, Pawb yn ei Pro. 7.40, Tomorrow's World.

SCOTLAND: 11.00 am, Let's See. 2.18, Around Scotland.

### BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55): 6.40, Unions and management; 7.05, Genes and development; 7.30, The Housing Question.

10.35, Gharbar: for Asian viewers. Viewers' letters, a song and a story.

11.00, Play School: same as BBC 1, 3.55.

11.25, Open University (until 11.50, then 5.20 until 7.00): 11.25, Case of Common Ownership; 5.20, Images and Information; 5.45, Nitrogen Fixation (1); 6.10, Genetic Engineering; 6.35, Conformation in Proteins (1).

7.00, News, with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

7.05, May I have the Pleasure? The history of dancing. Tonight: how to do the slow waltz, tango, quickstep and slow foxtrot.

7.30, News and weather.

7.35, One Man and His Dog: From Loweswater, heat three of the international sheepdog championships, tonight: England's dogs.

8.05, Gardeners' World: Lifting and storing gladioli and dahlias, and how to make a plant container out of an old glazed kitchen sink.

8.30, The Money Programme: the main item tonight is devoted to the proposed European Monetary System (see Personal Choice).

9.00, M*A*S*H: Korean war comedies, about a medical unit in the field. Tonight: there is something wrong with the colonel's horse.

9.25, The Lost Boys: part two of Andrew Birkin's drama series about J. M. Barrie and his relationship with the Llewelyn Davies family (see Personal Choice).

11.00, My Kind of Movie: Anna Raeburn, a journalist who specializes in giving advice about sexual problems, tells Sue MacGregor why Citizen Kane (to be screened tomorrow night) is one of her favourite films.

11.05, Vanessa Redgrave: a profile (see Personal Choice).

11.40, News and weather.

11.55, Closedown. Patricia Beer's The Black Halo, read by John Westbrook.

### THAMES

9.30 am, For Schools (until 12.00). 9.30, My World; stories. 9.42, Making a Living. 10.04, The English Programme. 10.31, French Studies. 11.00, Finding Out. 11.20, Starting Out. 11.39, How We Used to Live.

12.00, Adventures of Rupert Bear: Judy Bennett with the story of the falling star.

12.10 pm, Pipkins: for children. The story of a weightlifting granny.

12.30, Sounds of Britain: Country and western music, with Gene Stuart and the Homesteaders and Susan McCann.

1.00, News, with Peter Sissons.

1.20, Thames News: area items.

1.30, Crown Court: continuing the case of the publisher and journalist accused of libel.

2.00, After Noon: Interview with medical journalist Wendy Cooper about hormone replacement treatment and pre-menstrual tension.

2.25, Marriage Guidance: documentary about three couples whose marriages are drifting towards the rocks.

3.20, The Rolf Harris Show: songs and jokes.

3.50, Tell Me Another: Show business people, politicians and sportsmen tell some true stories.

4.20, The Sooty Show: glove puppets and two humans—the puppeteer Matthew Corbett and the 16-year-old singer Annette Mason.

4.45, Shadows: children's drama series. Today: a man who hates children tries to get them banned from a park.

5.15, Batman: the superhuman exploits of two crime-busters in a fantasy world where good always triumphs.

5.45 News.

6.00, Thames at Six: news from the area.

6.25, Help! Joan Shenton replies to viewers' request for advice.

6.35, Crossroads: more stories about the motel and its staff and residents.

7.00, LingaLongaMax: the songs and events the year 1936. The last in this Max Bygraves series.

7.30, Coronation Street: tonight's problem characters are Hilda Ogden and Ken Barlow.

8.00, Morecambe and Wise Show: the comedy partners, having quit the BBC, now bring their brand of fun to independent television.

9.30, Born and Bred: final episode of this saga about a south London family. Tonight: Annie Benge's funeral.

10.00, News.

10.30, Sports Special: how Britain's footballers fared in the European Cup, the UEFA Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup.

11.40, Late Night Theatre: Hank. Drama about a small business man (Bob Warner) persecuted by a rival and a crooked union.

12.35 am, Close: Brahms's music and a pre-Raphaelite painting.

## RADIO

### Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather, papers, sport.
6.10, Farming.
6.30, Today. 7.00 and 8.00, News. 7.30 and 8.30, Headlines.
8.45, My Apprenticeships (S).
9.00, News.
9.05, The Living World.
9.35, The Enthusiasts.
10.00, News.
10.05, The Eagles of Raasay: adventure holiday.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Story: The Robins.
11.00, News.
11.05, You, the Jury: The Olympic Games in Moscow.
11.50, Through My Window. Gerald Priestland.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, Dr Finlay's Casebook.
1.00, The World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play: Correspondence, by Michelene Wandor.
3.50, Choral Evensong from Windsor Castle.
4.35, Story: Going to the Flames.
5.00, News.
6.00, Six O'clock News.
6.30, My Word !†
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, Checkpoint.
7.45, Schubert: A portrait.†
8.45, Oil Rig: North Sea oil.
9.30, Balletomania: American ballet.†
9.59, Weather.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, An Actor in His Time: Sir John Gielgud (1).
11.00, A Book at Bedtime: The House with the Green Shutters (S).
11.15, The Financial World.
11.30, News, weather.
VHF
6.50 am, Regional News, weather.
7.50, Regional News, weather.
9.05, Schools.
11.00, Schools.
12.55 pm, Regional News, weather.
2.00, Schools.
5.55, Regional News, weather.
11.00, Study on 4: Ensemble (3).
11.30, Close.

### Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 1: Albinoni, Handel, Biber, Mozart.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Midweek Choice, part 2; Berlioz, Glazunov (mono), Alkan, Strauss (mono), Borodin.†
9.00, News. 9.05, Composer: Berkeley.† 9.45, Music for Organ: Bohm, Buxtehude, Bach.†
10.25, Aldeburgh Festival '78 Concert: Vivaldi, Crosse, Meyer, Bach.†
11.35, Radio Symphony Orchestra, Frankfurt part 1: Brahms.†
12.10 pm, Interval Reading.
12.15, Concert, part 2: Brahms.
1.00, News.
1.05, Concert Hall: Recitals by young artists, Bach, Medtner, Mozart.†
2.00, Chamber Concert by Purcell, Dickinson, Williams, Blow.†
2.50, Bush and Ridout, cello, piano.†
3.30, Rees-Starobin Duo, Recital: Foster, Villa-Lobos, Britten.†
4.00, French Chamber Music by Franck, Jolivet (mono). †
5.05, Building a record library.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.
6.30, News.
6.35, At Home, Piano recital: Chopin, Liszt.
7.30, King Lear Through the Ages by Martin Jenkins.†
8.45, BBC Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Webern, Schubert, Wegweiser, Schubert.
9.25, Solomon and the Bakke Case: by Kenneth Karst.
9.45, BBC SO part 2: Schubert.
10.30, The Defect: by Ian Kennedy.
11.15, Vivaldi, Flute.†
11.25, The Arts Worldwide.
11.45, News.
11.50-11.55, Schubert Song.†
RADIO 3 VHF ONLY: 6.00 am, 6.23 pm, Open University.

### Radio 2

5.00 am, News, weather. 5.02, Tony Brandon.† 7.32, Terry Wogan. 8.27, Racing Bulletin.† 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray's Open House. 1.45, Sports Desk. 2.30 David Hamilton. 2.45, Sports Desk. 3.45, Sports Desk.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.50, John Dunn.† 5.45, Sports Desk.† 6.45, Sports Desk, racing results. 7.02, Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Listen to the Band: Charlie Chester.† 8.00, European Soccer Special. Tennis—BMW Challenge: news. 9.30, The Impresarios. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, The News Huddlines: with Roy Hudd. 10.30, Molly Weir says Be My Guest. 11.02, Peter Clayton: Round Midnight. 12.00, News, weather. 2.00-2.02 am, News.
RADIO 2 SCOTLAND only: 8.00 pm, Sportsound European Soccer Special.

### Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.02, Paul Burnett. 9.00, Simon Bates: The Golden Hour, Meet Your Match 11.31, Peter Powell. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.00, Tony Blackburn. National Pop Panel. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 5.30, Newsbeat. 7.00, Girl Talk. 7.30, Listen to the Band (joins Radio 2).† 8.00, As vhf. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-2.02 am, As Radio 2.
VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am, With Radio 2, including 1.55 pm, Good Listening. 8.00, Listen to the Band (continued from Radio 2, 7.30). 8.15, Semprini Serenade 9.02, The Impresarios (series) (1) The Revues (1914-1944). 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.00, With Radio 1. 12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

## REGIONAL TV

### Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 3.20, Stars on Ice. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar, weather. 6.35, Thames. 11.40, Oscar Peterson presents. Cleo Laine and John Dankworth. 12.10 am, Close.

### Granada

1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Stars on Ice. 3.50, Thames. 5.20, What's New. 5.45, Crossroads. 6.45, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Mr and Mrs. 7.00, Thames. 11.40, Blues. 12.40 am, Close.

### Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Second City Revue. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Flintstones. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, Thames. 11.40, Power Border News, weather. 12.38, Close. Without Glory: Order. 12.35 am.

### Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, The George Hamilton IV Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Chopper Squad. 12.25 am, The Big Question. Close.

### Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 4.18, Ulster News. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, The Bob Newhart Show. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, Look and See. 11.45, Bedtime. 11.55, Close.

### Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, Westward News. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Winter is. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 10.28, Westward News, Weather. 10.30, Thames. 11.40, S.W.A.T.: The Bravo Enigma. 12.30, am, Faith for Life. 12.35, Close.

### Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word, North East News, Weather. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News, Lookaround, Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Survival: Sir Peter Scott on swans. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 11.40, George Hamilton IV. 12.10 am, Epilogue. 12.15, Close.

### Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News, Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Tandarra. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Scene Mid-Week. 7.00, Thames. 11.40, Southern News. 11.45, Shannon's Mob. 12.35 am, Weather, Epilogue. Close.

### Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, News, Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, The Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Batfink. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Report. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, The Midweek Match (European Cup). 11.40, Football (Highlights). 12.05 am, Late Call. 12.10, Close.

### Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Rolf Harris Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. weather. 6.35, Thames. 12.05 am, Reflections. 12.10, Grampian Headlines. 12.15, Close.

### HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Report West. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Help Yourself. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, The Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Report West. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, The Quiet Ways of Wales. 7.30, Thames. 11.30, The New Avengers. 12.30 am, Weather, close.
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### ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Comedy, Gold is Where You Find It. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, You're Only Young Twice: The Royal Visit. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.40, Film: The Summer House (Sebastian Cabot). 12.40 am, Close.

### Channel

09.30, Schools. 11.55, Closedown. 1.18, News. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Winter Is. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Ladies First. 6.35, Thames. 10.28, Channel News. 10.32, Sports Special. 11.40, S.W.A.T. 12.30, News in French.


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**EVANS.**—On October 16, 1978, at the Westminster Hospital, to Bibi (nee Blanger) and Robin—a son (Schuyler Benjamin Lionel).

**FARRELL.**—On October 13th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Lindy and Richard—a daughter.

**GILLARD.**—On 17th October at St. Thomas' Hospital—a son to Maria and Paul.

**HAWORTH.**—On 16 October, at Guy's Hospital, to Wendy (nee Winocour) and Philip—a daughter (Kimberley Rebecca).

**JACKSON.**—On 16th October, 1978, at the Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Sheila and Christopher—a son (Michael Robert), a brother for Andrew and Fiona.

**JOHNSTON.**—On 2nd October, in Johannesburg to Claire (nee Coulthard) and Colin—a son (William), a brother for Simon and Timothy.

**KNOWLES.**—On October 16th at Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Selene (nee Batchelor) and George—a sister for Bay.

**LEENING.**—On October 6th, to Geraldine (nee Coleridge) and David—a son (Robert Antony Dundas).

**ROTER.**—On Oct. 13th at King's College Hospital to Sally (nee Cooper) and Ronnie—a daughter (Abigail Nina).

**RUSSELL.**—On Sun., 15th Oct. to Jenny & Jeremy—a son (Edward Oliver).

**RUSSELL.**—On October 4th, to Sarah and Simon—a son, Benjamin Somerset.

**SHUPPLEWORTH.**—On October 14 at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, to Sheridan (nee Gronain-Hoddy), wife of Richard of Nether Hall, Hathersage, Derbyshire—a son.

**STORIE-PUGH.**—In Cambridge on October 16, 1978, to Leslie, wife of Colonel Peter Storie-Pugh, Tyrells Hall, Shepreth, Royston, Hertfordshire—a son.

**WILKINSON.**—On October 12th at St. Mary's, Paddington, to Stephanie (nee Shaw) and John—a son.

**WILLIAMS.**—On 14th October to Veronica (nee McSorley) and Philip—a daughter (Jessica).

## MARRIAGES

**BARSON : MORITZ.**—On Tuesday, 17 October, 1978, in Switzerland between Jeremy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Barson, of Reigate, Surrey, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Herr and Frau George Moritz.

**RUSSELL : RAINSFORD-HANNAY.**—On 7th Oct., 1978, at St. Giles, Edinburgh, by the Rev. G. Macmillan, assisted by Father A. Russell, C.F., Colin, youngest son of Mrs Gerald Russell, Aldburgh, Suffolk, and the late Gerald Russell, to Jessica, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Rainsford-Hannay, Kirkdale, Creetown, Wigtownshire.

## DEATHS

**ANSLOW.**—On September 15th suddenly at home, Susan Mary Harrison Anslow, aged 38 years. Greatly loved daughter and wonderful pal of Hylda Anslow and the late Lt.-Col. Frederick Francis Anslow. Funeral private. No flowers, please, but if desired donations to R.S.P.C.A., 105 Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1, or Blue Cross Animals Hospital, High Street, Victoria, London, S.W.1. Would have been her wish.

**BARKLEY, DR. HARRY.**—Peacefully at home Oct. 15, 1978, aged 60. Sadly missed by Brenda (nee Ryman), Alastair, Diana and his many friends. Golders Green Crematorium, Friday, Oct. 20, 1978 (West Chapel) 1 p.m. No flowers, please, donations if desired to Pathology Library, St. James' Hospital, Balham, London.

**BATESON, F. W.**—On October 16th, suddenly at home, Frederick Wilse (Freddy), aged 76, Emeritus Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, much loved husband of Jan, father of Sally and Nick and grandfather of Andrew, Mark, Simon, Timothy, Lucy and Rachel. Funeral All Saints, Brill, Saturday 21st, at 2 p.m. No flowers, but donations if desired to Brill Memorial Hall.

**BRANDT.**—On Sunday, 15th October, peacefully, Walter Augustus, husband of the late Dorothy and father of Peter and Denis. Funeral at All Saints Church, Ashdon, Saffron Walden, at 11 a.m., on Friday, 20th October. The memorial service in London to be announced later.

**BROWNING.**—On 15th October, 1978, at her home, Calypso Browning, aged 94 years. Funeral at Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Moscow Road, W.2, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 20th October, followed by interment at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green. Cut flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

**CADWGAN.**—On October 15, 1978, Tudor, aged 80 years, beloved father of Eric and Cynthia, father-in-law of Doreen and Rodger and dear Rampa of David, Martin, Lindy and Christopher. Service at North East Surrey Crematorium, Morden, on Friday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Truelove, Sutton.

**CAMPBELL.**—On 14th October, peacefully, in Inverness, Violet Constance Madeline, widow of Major-General J. A. Campbell and mother of Gordon and Ian (lost in 1945). Funeral private.

**CATTERSON-SMITH.**—On 15 October, 1978, Margaret Lind in her 93rd year, widow of Captain Thomas Catterson-Smith, Indian Army, Sikh Pioneers.

**COURTNEY.**—On October 17th at the Haslemere and District Hospital after a short illness, Group Captain Ivon Terence Courtney, C.B.E., R.A.F. (retired), formerly R.M.L.I., aged 93 years. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Guildford Crematorium on Friday 20th October at 12 noon.

**CROFTS.**—On October 16th, 1978, at the Nuffield Nursing Home, Shrewsbury, Isobel Crofts, of 17 Bank Drive, Dorrington, Salop. Widow of Frank Bowkett Crofts, beloved mother of Susan, Joan and Gordon. Funeral service at Shrewsbury Crematorium, on Friday, October 20th, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

**DANBURY.**—On 14th October, suddenly, at home, Patricia Josephine, much loved wife of Dr Robert Danbury, sister of Paul H. F. Andrew. Please, no letters or flowers. Donations if desired, to Friends of St. Marylebone Housing Association, c/o Mrs. Edgson, 46 The Drive Mansions, S.W.6. Funeral Tuesday, 24th October, 4 p.m., Croydon Crematorium.

**DAVIES.**—On 16th October, 1978, Carin, dearest 17-year-old daughter of Nest and Iaun Davies and sister of Ruth, Carys, Bethan and Jonathan, of 80 Overbury Avenue, Beckenham. No flowers, please. Donations to St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, SE26.

**DAWSON.**—In Oslo, Norway, on Thursday, 12th October, 1978, George Ferguson Dempster, beloved son of James and Margaret and beloved brother of James, of 5 Windsor Court, 55 Dirleton Drive, Glasgow G41 3BG.

**DE-MAUNY.**—On October 16th, 1978, at Salisbury Infirmary, Commander Victor Alexander de-Mauny, D.S.C., R.N. (retired). Cremation at Salisbury, on Friday, 20th October.

**DESBOROUGH.**—On Oct. 17th, 1978, Leslie John, aged 64 years, of the Old Foundry, Castleacre, Norfolk. The beloved husband of Betty and dearly loved father of Jonathan, Tim and Emma. Funeral service at St. James Church, Castleacre, on Sat., Oct. 21st, at 11.00 a.m., followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only, donations, if so desired, for research into Multiple Sclerosis. Enquiries to B. H. Fayers & Son, Funeral Directors, 42-43 Railway Rd., Kings Lynn.

**DEWHURST, JOHN POWYS.**—On 17th October, 1978, at Sodylt Hall, Ellesmere, beloved husband of Barbara. Funeral private.

**DORMAN.**—On 16th October, peacefully, at her son's home, 98 Dora Road, Wimbledon, London SW19, Arline Lynne Dorman, aged 72, formerly of Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Johannesburg. Much loved mother and grandmother. Private cremation.

**DOVETON, MONICA,** beloved wife of George Harry and mother of Ann and Judith, passed away peacefully Saturday 14th. Funeral service at St Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, 2 p.m., Friday, 20th. Flowers to Robertson and Brain Ltd., 93 Three Shires Oak Road, Smethwick, before 1 noon.

**EDWARDS.**—At home, at Lock Chase, London, S.E.3, on 12th October, Doris, widow of George. Funeral at Lewisham Crematorium on Friday, 20th, at 3.30. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 1 Belmont Hill, London, S.E.13.

**EGAN.**—On 13th October, at home, Helen Elizabeth (nee Burrows), aged 83 yrs., of 33, Somerton Ave., Richmond, Surrey, widow of George, mother of Dorothy and Janet. Funeral service at the Methodist Church, Kew Rd., Richmond, at 11.15 on 20th October, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 12.00 noon.

**ESDAILE.**—On October 16th, 1978, after much suffering Robert Esdaile, of Tenchleys, Sharpthorne, beloved husband of Mary and devoted father of Margaret. Service at West Hoathly Parish Church, on Friday, October 20th, at 11 am, followed by cremation. No letters or flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to West Hoathly Church, c/o Rev M. Allen, The Vicarage, W. Hoathly.

**ETHERINGTON, CHARLES HENRY.**—Of Sutton Road, Walsall, passed away at Birmingham General Hospital on October 14th after a long illness. Dearest husband of Beryl, and beloved father of John, Judy and David. Church service at St. Margaret's Parish Church, Great Barr, on Friday, Oct. 20, at 11.30 a.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Liver Research Fund, care of Dr. P. Dykes, Birmingham General Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham.

**EVANS, VINCENT MAURICE.**—Of Nansidwell, Mawnan, Falmouth, quietly, in hospital, on 17th Oct., 1978.

**GIBBS.**—On 14th October, suddenly in Jersey, William James Gibbs, of Cranbourne Corner, Ascot, formerly of Wentworth, father of Guy and dearly loved husband of Cecily. Cremation private. Memorial service at St. Peter's Church, Windsor Forest, on Friday, 27th October, 12 noon. No letters, please.

**GLENNIE.**—On Oct. 14th, 1978, aged 87 years, peacefully, at home, Lewis William, late R.A.M.C. and of R.A.C. Turkish Baths. Funeral private, no flowers. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Foundation.

**GRAVES.**—On Friday, October 13th, 1978, at Nuffield Hospital, Woking, Derek, beloved husband of Iris and father of Julia. Enquiries to Weybridge Funeral Service. Tel. Weybridge 54758/9.

**GRAY.**—On Oct. 14th, 1978, suddenly, Norman Wellesley Campbell, aged 73, loved father of Ann and Gary. Requiem mass at 10.00 am, on Mon., 23rd Oct., at Church of the Sacred Heart, Cobham, Surrey. Followed by interment in Cobham Cemetery. Cut flowers only may be sent to James & Thomas Ltd., Mill Rd., Cobham, Surrey.

**GREER.**—Mrs. V. C. Greer, wife of the late Brigadier-General F. Greer of Salcombe, Devon, peacefully in hospital, on 16th October, 1978 in her 92nd year. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Salcombe, on Thursday, 19th October, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation at Efford, Plymouth.

**HERRTAGE.**—On 17th October, 1978, after a long illness, Derry, dearly loved husband of Zena and loving father of Nicholas, Jeremy, Simon and Francis.

**HIGGS.**—On 10 October, suddenly whilst on holiday in Pipestem, West Virginia, Kathleen Ruby, beloved wife of Percy, mother of Pamela, of Virginia Water, Surrey. Funeral service to be held at Christchurch, Virginia Water, at 12 noon, on 20th October. Flowers to F. Harrison, 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Surrey.

**HULFORD, ELEANOR MARY,** aged 91, recently from Southgate, N.14, late of 23 Moulton Road, Cheveley, Newmarket, passed away suddenly on Friday, October 13, whilst staying with friends near Coventry. Dear grandmother of Julie, Philip, Richard, Gerald and Jacqueline, great grandmother of Michael, Karen, Helen and Sonia. Funeral service Canley Crematorium, Coventry, Thursday, October 19, at 11.40 a.m. All friends welcome.

**HUSSEY.**—On 14 Oct., 1978, Lt.-Col. Philip John Hussey of Purton, Wilts, the beloved husband of Cicely, beloved father of Penny and Robert, and darling grandfather of Victoria and Philippa. No letters, please.

**KEMBLE.**—On Monday, 16th of October, 1978, at his home, 24 Keswick Road, Putney, London, S.W.15, James Kemble, F.R.C.S. Treasured husband of Dorothy and father of James and Robert. Cremation, Putney Vale on Friday, 20th October, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers, please.

## BIRTHS

**ABBOTT.**—On 14th October, to Roger and Elizabeth (nee Kingsley-Rowe)—a daughter (Eleanor Mary).

**BAKER.**—On 16th October, at Hanover Military Hospital, to Sheila (nee Burnell) and Major Rodney Baker—a daughter.

**BARDA.**—On Thursday, October 12, to Rosalind and Clive—a son (Charles Edward Blackmore), a brother for Henry and George.

**BARSTOW.**—On 17 October in Hong Kong to Louise (nee Ellson) and Christopher—a daughter (Edwina Alice), a sister for Michael.

**CALVOCORESSI.**—On 17th October at West London Hospital, to Elfrida (nee Korr) and Roy—a son.

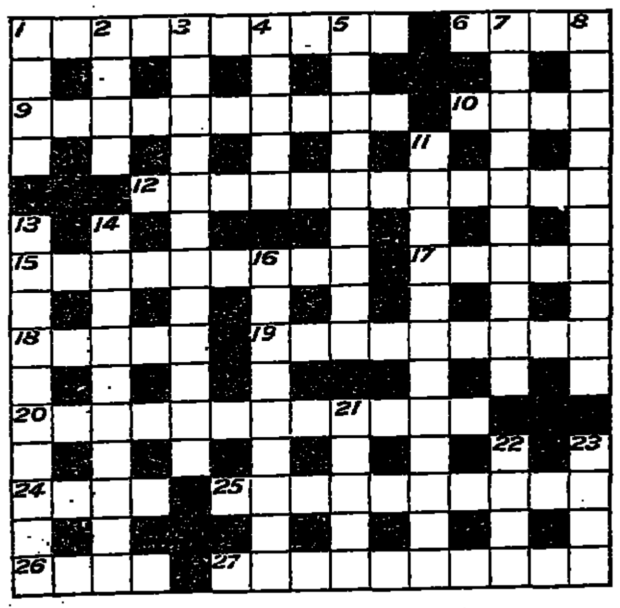
**CHASE.**—On October 15th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Charlotte (nee Hunter) and Robert—a daughter (Marian).

**COFFMAN.**—On October 16th, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Gillian and Michael—a daughter (Mercedes).

**DELDERFIELD.**—On 16th October to Gillian (nee Ritchie) and Geoff—a daughter (Gail).

**ERSKINE.**—On the 13th October, at Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Anthea (nee Haywood) and Robert—a son (James Alexander).

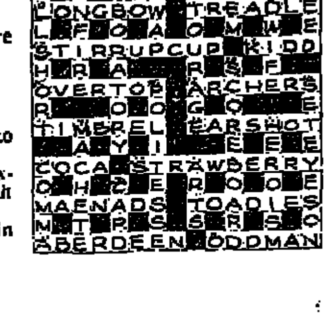
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**ACROSS**
1 Secret flight of servants (10).
6 Pick the odds to back (4).
9 Hard top for top people (5, 5).
10 Unusually big it appears, this mountain (4).
12 Different marks of honour (12).
15 Whereby viewers can control brightness (3-6).
17 General conveyance (5).
18 Head of church met one Early Father initially (5).
19 Cabled railway for transport (9).
20 Pretending good quality photographical agent is crucial (12).
24 Made new section for port (4).
25 The daily apple for instance (6, 4).
26 Check line of descent (4).
27 Not that census figures are the vital ones (10).

**DOWN**
1 Depressed by cold? (4).
2 Reproduction needs book to be perfectly accurate (4).
3 Honest mug the poker expert needs to play with (8, 4).
4 Decree crosses hold-up in France (5).
5 Resurgence of celestial power hailed in Japan? (6, 3).
7 How vicar labours to make history with speech (10).
8 Short-term strain ruined politician (10).
11 Have RADA staff no newer transport? (5-7).
13 Bad hash EEC made of military positions (5-5).
14 How on earth can a half be one of four? (10).
16 What's lacking—in confidence? (9).
21 One place outside the lake—or in it (5).
22 Headgear of one most eminent in India (4).
23 Lyrics showing love of the French (4).

**Solution of Puzzle No 15,032**



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## DEATHS

**JACKSON.**—On Sunday, October 15, 1978, peacefully, Eleanor Mary Jackson, aged 92 years, widow of Colonel A. Jackson, dearly loved mother of General Sir William Jackson and Joy Le Feuvre. Funeral service on Monday, October 23rd, 2.30 p.m. at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. All flowers and enquiries to Camberley and District Funeral Service Ltd. Telephone Camberley 23241.

**LEWES, CYRIL HERBERT ALFRED** (Birdie).—On October 15th, suddenly and unexpectedly, at the age of 70, to the great sorrow of his wife, children and grandchildren. Cremation at Lewisham Crematorium on Thursday 19th, at 12.30. Flowers may be sent to Francis Chappell & Sons, 1 Belmont Hill, S.E.13.

**LING.**—Suddenly on Oct. 13, 1978, in Sydney, Australia, Stephen Richardson, beloved younger son of Roger and Georgina Ling of Hapsford House, near Frome, Somerset, dearly loved husband of Penelope (nee Harvey) and father of Matthew, Fergus and Rebecca.

**LOUFTE.**—On Oct. 15th, Frederick, aged 77, of Park Cottage, Ninfield. Dearly loved husband of Genevieve, much loved father of Eveline and John and cherished by Sandra and his grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, on Tuesday, Oct. 24th at 2.30 p.m. Private interment. R.I.P.—Flowers if wished to Mummery, Bexhill.

**McBRIDE, THOMAS REGINALD.**—On Sunday, 15th October, beloved husband of Ivy and devoted father of Malcolm and Rosemary, grandfather of Caren and Neil. Service 11 a.m. Monday, 23rd October, at Holy Trinity, Castlenau, Barnes, S.W.13. Donations in his memory to Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

**MYNOTT.**—On 17th October, 1978, peacefully, in the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, Jack, aged 81, husband of the late Ivy, of Ely, Cambridgeshire sadly missed by all. Service in St. Mary's Church, Ely, on Tuesday, 24th October, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers to the Wayman Funeral Service, Ely.

**OVERALL, DOUGLAS,** peacefully, at home on Friday, 13th of October, aged 86, beloved husband of Dorothy, dear father of Tony and Doreen, and grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

**POLLARD.**—On October 15, 1978 peacefully, at Seaford, Bernard Eric Trevor, aged 74 years, formerly of Hove, for many years a solicitor working in Lewes. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 11.45 a.m.

**RALPHS.**—On October 16, in Norwich, Sir Lincoln Ralphs, most dearly loved husband and father. Private funeral, memorial service to be announced.

**RAVEN.**—On 14th October, 1978, peacefully, at his son's home, Cherith House, Little Easton, Essex, Clarence Richard Raven, of 145 Priory Road, N.8, aged 92 years. Dearly loved father of Bob and Frances, loving Papa of Christine, Myrtle, Christopher and Claire. Funeral service is at Park Road Hall, Park Road, Hornsey, N.8, on Monday, 23rd October, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at New Southgate Cemetery. Floral tributes, if desired, may be sent to William Nodes Ltd., *Private Chapel*, 78 High St., Hornsey, N.8. Tel. 341 0327. "And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

**RENWICK, CATHERINE.**—Suddenly, at her home in Midhurst, on 14th October, beloved daughter of Halbert Renwick, and a dearly loved sister. Funeral at West Dean Parish Church, on Friday, 20th October, at 3 p.m. Flowers to Lintott Funeral Directors, Midhurst.

**SAUNDERS.**—On October 15th, peacefully, at St. Johns Hospital, Twickenham, James William Saunders. Funeral service at South-west Middlesex Crematorium, Friday, October 20th, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, donations, if wished, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

**SCOTT.**—On October 14th, Vera Marguerite, of 39 Calcham Court, widow of Roy Frederick and beloved mother of Pam and Roy. Funeral at 4 p.m., Friday, October 20th, at St. Johns Crematorium, Woking. No flowers, please.

**SETCHELL.**—On 17 October, Ernest George Setchell, of 27 Ludlow Avenue, Luton, aged 85 years. Funeral service Friday, 20th October at the Luton Parish Church, 10.15, prior to Cremation at the Luton Crematorium. Flowers to the house please; inquiries to T. and E. Neville Ltd., Luton 54902.

**SPARKS.**—On October 14th, 1978, after a short illness at Kingston Hospital, Laurence Henry Sparks, electrician, aged 79, of 50 Milton Road, Hampton, Middlesex, devoted husband of Alice Elizabeth, and father to Michael. Cremation at Ashford, Middlesex 1.30 p.m., Friday, 20th October.

**SPROAT.**—At Kirkcudbright Cottage Hospital, on Monday 16 October, 1978, John Fard McDonald Sproat, Borness, Borgue, husband of Elizabeth Helen Taylor. Funeral service will be held in Borgue Church, at 1.45 p.m., Friday, 20 October and thereafter to Borgue Churchyard. Family flowers only but donations in aid of Cancer Research may be sent to the Manager of the Bank of Scotland Gate House of Fleet.

**STRATTON.**—On 10th Oct. 1978, Yvonne Kathleen Ann Stratton (Jones) (nee Taylor), of 228 Richmond Rd., Kingston upon Thames. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Kingston, on Fri., 20th Oct., at 2 p.m., followed by interment in Kingston Cemetery at 1.45 p.m. Rev. J. Martin will officiate.

**TWEEDY.**—On October 16th, 1978, peacefully at his home, Vivian Carlyon, of The Croft, Portway, Wantage, Oxon, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Barbara and father of Ann and Gillian. Funeral service at Wantage Parish Church on Friday, 20th October, at 3 pm. No flowers by request, please.

**VAUGHAN.**—On October 16th, 1978, at Hendre, Newport, Dyfed, peacefully, in her hundred and third year, Elizabeth, devoted wife of the late Alderman J. O. Vaughan, and beloved mother of Margaret, Evan and Benjamin (Bishop of Swansea and Brecon). Funeral strictly private in Nevern Church, on Friday.

**WALLACE, ARTHUR FRANCIS.**—Of Jarretts Hill, Gerrards Cross. On Oct. 16th, peacefully at Wexham Park Hospital, dearly loved husband of Rosalie and a devoted father and grandfather. Cremation at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, at 1 pm, Friday, Oct. 20th. No flowers, by request, but donations, if desired, to Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund, for Children, 3 Sidney St., London SW3.

**WARD.**—Peacefully, on Sunday, Oct 15, 1978, at Cheveralls Markyate, Phyllis Norina, beloved mother of Joy, Hal and Francis. Funeral service at St. Leonards Church, Heath and Reach, Leighton Buzzard, on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 12 noon. Flowers to Malcolm Jones, Funeral Director, 364, High Street, Berkhamsted.

**WEMYSS.**—On 12th October, 1978, William Alexander (Sandy), as the result of a road accident, darling husband of Sheila, and loving father of Charles and Susan. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Old Amersham, at 1.30 on Friday, 20th October.

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**WHITEHEAD.**—On Oct. 17th, suddenly, in Durban, South Africa, after a short illness, Sally, beloved only daughter of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. H. A. (Tony) Whitehead, R.A., R.E., T.D., and sister of Christopher.

**WILLIAMSON.**—On 14th October, peacefully at Barnet Hospital, Dennis Walter, of 112 Longland Drive, Totteridge, N.20. Dearly loved husband of Peg and loving Dad to Adrian. Requiem Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Whetstone, N.20, at 12 noon, Friday, October 20. Followed by local interment. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Friends of Highgate School, Highgate, London, N.6.

**WILKINSON.**—On 15th October in Toronto after a short illness, Edith (nee Provost), greatly loved and treasured wife of Professor Bertie Wilkinson and mother of John and Ann, deeply mourned by family and friends here, and in Canada. Enquiries to Professor Ann Robson, 75 Ridgemount Gardens, London WC1E 7AX.

### FUNERALS

**POPE.**—The funeral for the late Major John Edward Buckingham Pope will take place at St. Mary's Church, Tetbury, at 2 p.m. on Friday, 20th Oct. Family flowers only to L. E. Perry, 15 Hampton Street, Tetbury. Donations may be sent to the vicar, Tetbury, in Aid of St. Mary's Church.

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# The Australians





Australian social scenes: customers at a bar in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, and (left) diners at the Sydney Opera House.

**Australian image is a nation of re-jawed, heavy-drinking extroverts care only about winning at sport. s Taylor questions the accuracy of stereotype, and Douglas Aitron sses domestic politics**

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Once the outsider has discovered that Australians do not all have square jaws, wear bush hats with immense brims and exercise a vocabulary *restricted to expletives*, the danger is that such a stereotpye can be replaced by its opposite.

Not all Australians like listening to Mozart, but enough do for a music lover not to need to feel peculiar about admitting such interests. Not an artistic Utopia, Australia is no longer a cultural desert. Under sometimes aggressive exteriors, Australians can turn out to be quite gentle souls.

Every bit of the great Australian mystique is subject to qualification. Take, for a start, that of the intrepid pioneer opening up a continent.

Most people never travel through the outback. They belong to one of the most urbanized societies on earth, and an Australian is much more likely to be a clerk than a drover. They take their holidays on the coast, or accessible foreign places like the Philippines or French Polynesia. The nearest most ever get to the Northern Territory is when they fly over it on the way to and from overseas.

The aircraft is a great boon to Australia; it means that one can travel the 2,500 miles from Sydney to Perth without seeing anything in between. As in other vast territories, a conscious effort has to be made to travel in, rather than above, the country.

The most many Australians drive from their cities is what can be comfortably fitted into a weekend. They go into the bush, but this is a well-tamed countryside with neat farms and green fields among the gum trees. The harsh, elemental beautiful landscapes of the interior of this empty continent could be on another planet.

Australians are very sports-minded, and there is little room for English diffidence about victory in the Australian ethic. But while sport is about winning, most Australians are spectators rather than participants, although the climate encourages non-team sports like sailing and surfing.

"The national sport is now wine-drinking", a young Australian remarked to me. This may be a bit of an over-simplification, but it does make a point.

Australians drink a lot. They are among the world's highest consumers of beer. But drinking conditions can be bleak. Some white-tiled bars in Sydney are reminiscent of bathrooms. Yet sipping wine with an articulate group of people can be a corrective to the view that drinking in Australia is necessarily a very basic affair. Australia may be a new country, but it began cultivating its vineyards nearly 200 years ago.

An Englishman arrives in Australia half expecting to be insulted as an effete "Pommie". True, he may hear sharp words about Britain and the British, who are often blamed for being lazy, lacking in enterprize and fomenting strikes.

On two visits to Australia I have certainly encountered plain speaking, but this was always during a conversation and never took the form of abrupt rudeness. The pace of life is generally relaxed, and strangers were invariably helpful.

But when a young Australian is asked for his views he is not likely to mince his words when explaining that he does not feel affinity with Britain or the monarchy. Australian nationalism is growing and adds a new dimension to the generation gap. The old and middle-aged are more likely to think nostalgically about Britain, to regret the demise of the white Commonwealth and Britain's entry to the European Economic Community.

The young will not think any of this relevant to their lives. If they think of Britain, it may be to feel resentment at the constitutional mechanics which allowed the Queen's representative in Australia, the Governor General, Sir John Kerr, himself an Australian, to dismiss the then Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam, in 1975.

This was not a resentment limited to the young, but experienced by everyone to the left of centre who saw Labour's rule between 1972 and 1975 as a new dawn after an unbroken 23 years of Liberal and Country Party (that is Conservative) coalition government.

Australia was to become a more caring society by moving more towards a welfare state. There was to be a better deal for the Aborigines, whose treatment over the years has been worse than that of the blacks in South Africa. Australia was also to develop more sympathetic policies towards the Third World.

In some respects the clock has been put back, but Australians' awareness of the Third World continues to evolve. While Mr Malcolm Fraser had denounced Mr Whitlam for consorting with communists, the present Prime Minister made his first foreign journey in office to Peking. Australians cannot help being increasingly aware of Asia. "We have 2,000 million people above us", as a Sydney businessman put it.

While some Australians like to blame Britain for their economic problems—and British membership of the EEC has hit primary producers—a growing away from Britain and finding a regional position as a medium power in the Pacific has been inevitable.

The fall of Singapore in 1942 meant that Australia came to rely on the United States for military alliance. The postwar rise of Japan as an industrial power deprived of the raw materials which Australia could provide signalled a new economic partnership with the former enemy.

Asia was bound to play an increasingly important role in Australian affairs. Although critics saw the involvement of Vietnam as unthinking support of its American ally, it also reflected fears of the domino effect of a communist victory in South-east Asia, Australia's "near north".

The cultural impact of Asia is still largely limited to the kitchen and the class and lecture rooms. The big cities have ethnic restaurants serving a wide variety of Asian foods and students are able to learn languages like Indonesian and Chinese.

But the most obvious cultural changes within the last generation have come from the increase of immigrants from continental Europe, particularly Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia. Melbourne is now the third largest Greek-speaking city in the world (after Athens and Salonika).

The results have included not only the arrival of hard-working speakers of languages other than English and a better choice of places to eat but the appearance of Croat nationalists opposed to President Tito.

The Australian melting pot is certainly more interesting than in the days when immigrants came largely from Britain and Ireland, but this has not yet shifted the country away from its basic conservatism.

Despite the budding nationalism and greater cultural confidence, there is little siginificant sign of change when it comes to politics. Since the outrage generated over Mr Whitlam's dismissal, Australia has had two general elections and twice has endorsed what looked like the safer and steadier parties.

These recessionary times may not be conductive to the new departures—and the occasional silliness—of the Labour years. But the past suggests that while Australia may be a young country, distrust of innovation in politics and other areas is a force to be reckoned with.

## Ideals give way to economic reality

Malcolm Fraser, the Minister, had a scare ly. It was suggested e had displayed a lack egrity during a compli- business over the re- g of a Queensland elec- . It was suggested that ight have tried to influ- a Minister who had evidence to a royal ission.

Mr Fraser, in effect, y said, "Nonsense" and was that. Certainly it he first sniff of danger for the Prime Minister since he took over, in unusual circumstances, in November, 1975. And certainly the media, sensing that here at last was something potentially explosive, gave him a torrid time for a couple of weeks, even rather fancifully comparing it *all with Watergate*. But, in the end, it simply went away.

Had it been Mr Gough Whitlam, Mr Fraser's predecessor and Australia's only Labour Prime Minister since the 1940s, the heat would have remained much longer, and the ripples through Canberra would have been far more turbulent. That shows not necessarily a lack of influence by the media, but more the indifference of the populace. While it is true that Mr Fraser's popularity, and that of the coalition Government, has been steadily slipping, there is no doubt that Australians are conservative people who feel vastly more comfortable with what they consider to be the security of a Liberal Party Government (supported by the reactionary National Country Party, formerly the Country Party.

Given to romantic notions about their own fighting spirit, Australians will certainly register their disapproval of this and that within the coalition Government (and the polls will register a further slide in Mr Fraser's popularity because of the alleged Watergate affair) but, confronted with an election, whatever they have told the pollsters, on voting day they retreat to safety. That was evident in last December's election.

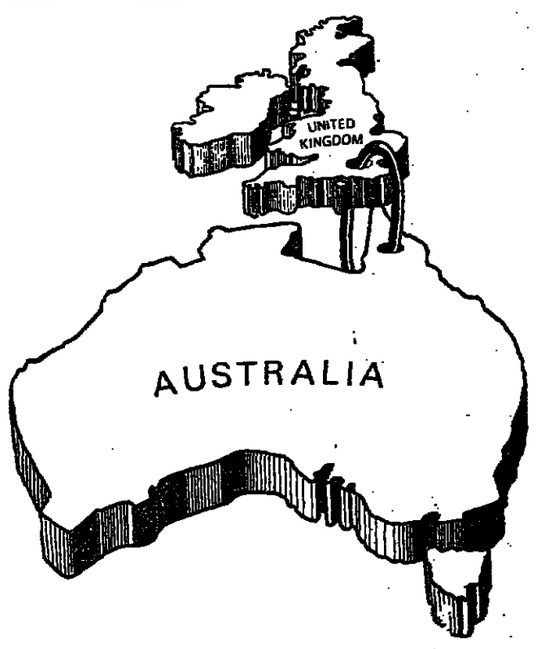
The election was called unnecessarily by Mr Fraser, and the whole of Australia seemed disgruntled by the inconvenience and the clear fact that it was a ploy by the Government to secure itself for another full term. At one stage during the weeks preceding the election, the polls were putting Labour ahead, and the newspapers were saying that Mr Fraser had made a bad mistake which had put his Government in jeopardy. But on election day Mr Fraser cruised home with a slightly reduced majority from his *previous record in 1975*.

Mr Fraser is probably more secure as Prime Minister than Sir Robert Menzies. At the height of his career, in 1961, Sir Robert nearly lost to the unglamorous Mr Arthur Calwell, and his complacency was rudely shattered. So far, Mr Fraser has suffered no such setback and appears to be in no such danger, unless some sort of scandal, which seem to have replaced ideology as an election decider, emerges to unseat him.

Mr Fraser is reasonably young (48), still ambitious, enjoys being Prime Minister and revels in being the boss. But, despite his apparent security and his personal strength within the Government, it is difficult to pinpoint any important achievements of the administration since 1975. Justifiably, it has concentrated on the ailing economy and has succeeded in reducing the inflation rate substantially. Less justifiably, but in the stated interest of getting the economy moving, it has largely ignored the tremendous problem of unemployment (the worst since the depression) and there is no relief for the unemployed in sight.

Apart from those two ever-present evils, the only memory so far which future

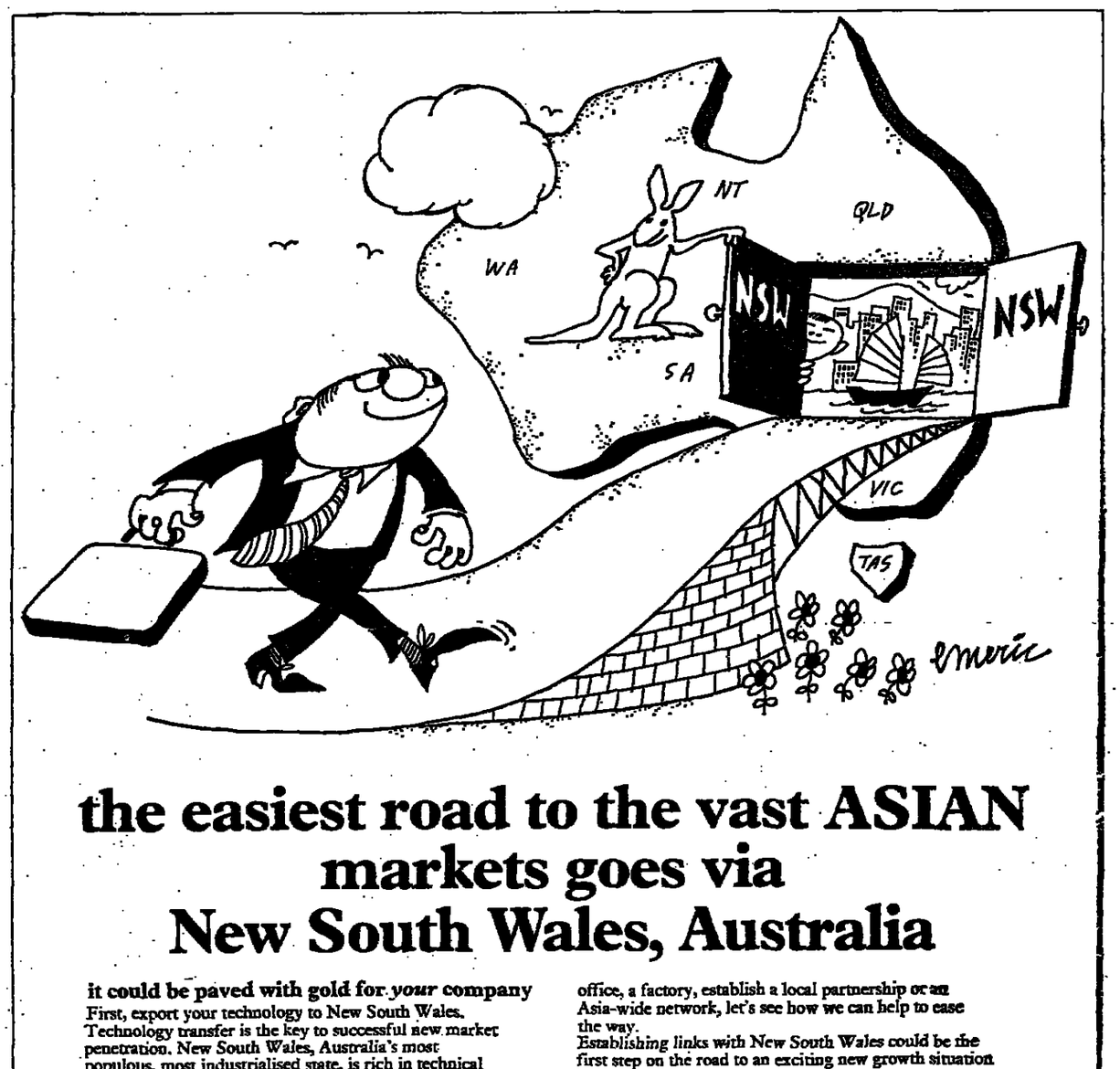
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# Where high unemployment is considered a necessary price to pay

The average Australian worker still remains one of the best-paid in the world, enjoying an enviable standard of living despite increasing efforts by the Australian Government to produce a fall in real wage levels and bring about a significant income redistribution from the low and middle income groups to the more affluent.

Australia's economy is *likely to grow only* moderately this year, and no reduction in unemployment is expected. The 1977-78 Budget showed a Government unwilling to risk inducing renewed inflation by tackling the big problems of flagging consumer and business confidence and of unemployment. Far from arresting *unemployment, the Government* showed it considered high unemployment a necessary price to pay for lower inflation and reduced interest rates, the cost of pursuing its main policy objectives.

The Australian tax structure *is becoming* increasingly regressive as the Government uses it as a tool in its programme of income redistribution. Big tax reforms were introduced in February, with the number of tax "steps" reduced to only three. This brought more than 90 per cent of all taxpayers on to a flat tax rate of 32 cents in the dollar of taxable income, after allowing for an initial tax-free income step.

These tax changes *brought tax savings to* all. But by far the largest savings in percentage terms as well as dollar amounts went to the higher income groups. The February tax changes, made as a result of election promises which helped bring victory to the Liberal-National Party coalition, were significantly affected by changes in the rough August Budget.

The most notable change was the 1.5 per cent surcharge placed on to the entire tax scale, taking the standard rate from 32 cents to 33.5 cents. This surcharge was described as temporary, for one year only. This was much the same sort of description applied during the Second World War to sales tax on *motor* vehicles, *an emergency* tax which has since been juggled up and down but never removed.

The effect of the budget income tax surcharge was clearly regressive. The lower the income, the higher the percentage increase in tax *paid. For some low income* tax payers, it meant a 40 per cent increase in their tax bill.

But despite those regressive changes and huge rises recently in indirect taxes, Australians are still basically a lightly taxed people by *comparison with* income-tax scales in other developed nations.

Total taxation revenue in 1978-79 is estimated to be $23,769.3m. Of this, more than half will come straight *from personal tax, expected* to total $12,940m.

Basically reflecting the February tax changes, income tax receipts from individuals are expected to grow by only 3.3 per cent this year. But reflecting the tough line on spending taken in the Budget, excise duty will rise 30 per cent to $3,885m.

With the additional excise tax being raised on beer, tobacco and spirits, this is another way in which the Government's efforts to reduce the budget deficit and raise taxation revenue is being applied in a regressive manner, hitting low and middle-income groups most severely.

Australia is at present free of any form of value-added tax. But various overseas VAT systems, including the British, are under study and introduction of a VAT system seems inevitable.

As part of the programme of redistribution of income and in line with general Liberal Party beliefs, both death duties and gift duties are being progressively abolished by the Federal Government, and by the state governments.

Gift duty will account for only $2m of federal government receipts this year. Estate duty will amount to a tiny $70m. Both these measures represent significant changes in income redistribution, leaving family asset accumulation unscathed, free of any capital gains measures and causing possible profound, sociological changes in the future.

But even while the Government pursues its aims of lowering real wages and redistributing income, the average Australian wage earner still enjoys one of the world's highest standards of living, with an average weekly wage of more than $210 a week, or approaching $180 a week after tax.

The average worker is still benefiting from the explosion in wages which took place earlier this decade, when average weekly earnings rose 19 per cent in 1973-74, 22 per cent in 1974-75 and 14 per cent in 1975-76. Only once this decade have average earnings failed to rise more on an annual basis than the cost of living.

The domestic economy then is a picture of moribund economic growth and rising unemployment as the Government clamps down on inflation and pegs interest rates. But for the majority, it is still an economy of plenty, with high wages and fairly low taxation. The two cannot coexist for much longer.

Australia's traditional high employment rates, for so long a key feature in the country's immigration advertisements, may perhaps never return. Unemployment is about 7 per cent and there are fears that it could reach 7.5 per cent later this financial year. Even if economic growth is fully resumed, the rate may never drop b 3.5 to 4 per cent.

The threat of retrenchm is real for workers thro out industry generally only because of a morib economy but because wave of labour-saving nological innovation modernization as Austra secondary and tertiary in tries are spurred into equipping through liberal tax allowa granted for capital in ments. The Fraser Gov ment is intent on hauling economy into what it siders to be a trim, res sible shape, and that m leaner days ahead for average wage and sa earner.

In the meantime, Australians do not expect anything particular to happen except the inflation rate to continue falling. The standard of living is still very high; families have two cars, most people (except pensioners, who are not treated well, and the unemployed, who are treated worse) have enough money to take expensiv holidays and dine out reg larly; there is no outwar evidence of a troubled ec nomy.

For the moment, changes are expected. F Australia is still geographi ally isolated, conservative nature and more or less sel sufficient. There will be revolution this year.

# New industrial issues: technology and the unions

In recent months, two big industrial arguments have been in the limelight but, significantly, neither of them involved the traditional causes of strikes—money and working conditions. Instead, the country suffered under two disputes which are emerging as the new industrial issues of Australia: technology, and how to live with it; and unions, and how to maintain their relevance.

Both disputes affected the public, and both left the conservative federal Government embarrassed, with its long-threatened tough industrial powers little more than a "paper tiger". Instead of settling the disputes through the newly established Industrial Relations Bureau or invoking legislation to sack non-cooperative workers in the public sector the Government was forced to call in the country's leading negotiator, the president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr Bob Hawke.

The first and most costly dispute involved technicians in the government-run telecommunications network. They felt their jobs were threatened by advancing technology, and eventually they won a cleverly managed campaign which kept them always with the upper hand.

Instead of striking, the technicians imposed work bans which crippled revenue-recording equipment for interstate and country telephone calls. The public was getting cheap, if delayed, calls. Business was gradually slowing as communications worsened. The government-run Telecom system was losing millions of dollars.

Eventually, after weeks of fruitless negotiation, the beleaguered Government called in Mr Hawke. With the advantage of wit, power, and being called in when all else was lost, he found a compromise. It took 15 hours of talks—but the dispute was settled.

It was a typical Hawke settlement: pragmatic, politically face-saving, and saleable to men with high expectations. Far from ingenious, it was a case of his being in the right place at the right time. But no one else could have done it.

It was the second time in months that he had achieved the seemingly impossible. In a previous triumph Mr Hawke had been called in by the federal Government when a strike by miners employed by the American-owned UTAH company was threatening crucial and valuable exports. Mr Hawke negotiated what amounted to a $95 a week increase, bringing workers' wages to about $480 (£280). He did so with full government authority. But there was an outcry, and the Government tried to back out. Mr Hawke, the conservative wing claimed, had shown concern only for the money-hungry workers.

Always conscious of his public image, Mr Hawke was put out and retreated to more mundane matters. When the communications dispute surfaced soon after, it was the "Tories" (to use his description) who came to him, hat in hand, and begged for industrial forgiveness. In typically dramatic style he obliged, *sitting through* a weekend of conferences and being locked up with the parties until they agreed. One could be sure he would *thump the table*: "Not one of you bastards will leave this room until you talk bloody sense." It is classic; it is Hawke.

## Dispute centred on conductress

The second dispute to occupy the minds of Australians—and particularly the people of Melbourne—stopped the city's old-fashioned, rumbling trams and tramway-run buses. This, like the communications fight, ignored the bread-and-butter issues. It centred upon a woman, a tram conductress — or "connie"—who refused to join the appropriate union. In the closed shop typical of Australia's blue-collar workers this amounted to industrial suicide.

*But the woman*, Miss Barbara Biggs, a former barmaid and university student, stood firm. Using legislation introduced by Mr Malcolm Fraser, she received official court approval for her objection to unionism. To the rank-and-file tram worker, this was sanctified scabbing.

So the trams stopped and Melbourne walked to work. The Government was embarrassed, and privately *ministers spread rumours* about Miss Biggs. They suggested she was an agitator set up to provoke conflict between the Government *and militant unions*. The tram workers stood firm: she must join a union or be sacked. Their existence was threatened. They gave up several days' pay for a principle, not for money.

These are the emerging trends in Australia's industrial relations. Unemployment is the workers' biggest problem, not inflation—his wages can fairly well keep pace with that. As long as he is employed and healthy he will get by. His fear is the loss of his job through such developments as technological changes or the *weakening of his union and* the introduction of cheaper "scab" labour.

With about 350,000 unemployed—one of the worst levels in Australia's history—trade unionists know there is a large army waiting for their jobs. Strike breakers become more of a reality and employers can bargain from a stronger position when there is higher availability of labour.

This is what has made men like Mr Hawke paragons of consensus. They doubt the will of the worker to fight the traditional and social issues. The spectre of unemployment hangs over every union meeting, however radical.

Even the Fraser Government's brutal, elitist budget failed to stir more than a few words of anger: just a few empty threats. It was designed to achieve a low inflation rate at the cost of jobs. It defied the worker to reject the economic strategy and strike at a time when companies would welcome the respite of a halt in production.

Mr Hawke, a former Rhodes scholar, aged 48, recognizes this. As head of most of the country's blue-collar workers, he is lying low. He has recently given up alcohol except for the occasional glass of white wine with meals. This is a big change. Drinking had been a vital part of his life and personality. Many important disputes had been solved through late, hard-drinking nights of argument. *It was part of the lifestyle* which allowed the man to drive himself at a frightening pace.

Mr Hawke has never been a great supporter of union involvement in social issues. Left-wing leaders feel he has been noticeably muted in the widening opposition to uranium mining. It has been left to others to organize anti-budget campaigns, pro-Medibank (the Government's national health scheme) and even conservation fights.

Unemployment plays into Mr Hawke's hands, although he is genuinely appalled by it. A strike or industrial dispute carries new meaning. Now a worker is much less willing to risk his security over a social issue. The big threats remain not even the lack of a few dollars, but the danger to job security posed by technology and through *diminishing union power*.

This contrasts heavily with the heady days of the early 1970s, the days of dying Liberal coalitions and emerging Labour administrations.

Take, for instance, Mr Norm Gallagher, the pro-Peking communist leader of *45,000 building workers. He* led multi-million dollar bans on demolition of historic buildings, and the building of monoliths his union considered ugly. He banned construction work for hotel chains which would not serve his overall-clad members. He led bitter purges against political enemies within the union. He is now quiet. Content to organize the mundane problems of running a union, he attends to small award matters, on-job disputes. There has not been a national dispute involving his union for almost 18 months.

Mr John Halfpenny was thought to be a smooth-talking "Australian communist". Until recently he was considered pro-Moscow, but Soviet authorities took from him pro-dissident literature during a trip to Moscow, and his allegiances are thus in doubt. Sophisticated and always good for *newspaper copy, Mr Halfpenny* remains one of the more articulate union leaders. His outrage flares at government decisions but *the actions of his members* are quieter.

The metal industry—one of the country's largest employers—is depressed. Mr Halfpenny, as the Victorian state secretary and national vice-president, oversees members with some of the lowest wages awards in the country. But recent decisions refusing large increases have met with little other than rhetoric from *him*.

Mr George Slater is federal secretary of 60,000 postal and communications workers. He is proud of having joined the Royal Australian Navy at 15 to fight in the Second World War and has been known to carry his fight to pro and anti-Labour governments. He banned the delivery by mail of credit cards because they were "morally" dangerous. Mr Slater is now quiet. His members are reasonably well paid and their jobs safe. Minor industrial issues are dealt with efficiently.

The four men (including Mr Hawke) cover a broad range of the union movement. Their views differ. Their tactical characteristics differ. Some remain more restless than the others in their hibernation.

*But for the moment* at least—and probably until employment rises and returns industrial stability to the unions—they remain dormant.

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## Ideals give way to reality

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generations will have of the Fraser Government is its decision to go ahead with the mining and export of uranium. It remains to be seen if it will be thanked for that.

Less tangibly, Mr Fraser has succeeded in shattering the dreams of the Whitlam supporters, those who saw Mr Whitlam as a benevolent *crusader who* would lead Australia out of the past and into the real world, blow away the cobwebs and give the country a new image.

All such ideals have been disposed of sharply. The *national health scheme*, a Whitlam dream, is gone. Grants to the arts have more or less disappeared. The idea of the Government having a *woman to advise on women's* affairs has been a disaster and seems no longer to be functioning. The Fraser Government has done its best to appease those Australians who yearn for the good old days when all life was firmly attached to the wellbeing of the economy. Education, the arts, social welfare, new ideas generally have to wait their turn until the Government considers the inflation rate is healthy enough for it to think of other things.

Mr Whitlam has gone. His replacement, on whom for the moment any rocking of *this very sturdy boat is* dependent, is the self-educated former policeman, Mr Bill Hayden, whom nobody seems to dislike and everybody seems to respect, yet who so far has made little progress. Mr. Hayden is an intellectual and, within the Labour context, a conservative. His aim seems to be to restore confidence in the Labour Party after the excesses of the Whitlam years (which numbered only three).

He is doing a fine job. Everybody believes he is a man of supreme integrity. He does not frighten anybody, *as Mr Whitlam seemed* to. But he has yet to have any impact. That may indeed be intentional, as it would seem ludicrous at this stage to attempt to topple the Government. There is little doubt that when the time comes, Mr Hayden will show himself to be a man of skill and tenacity. That opportunity is probably still distant.



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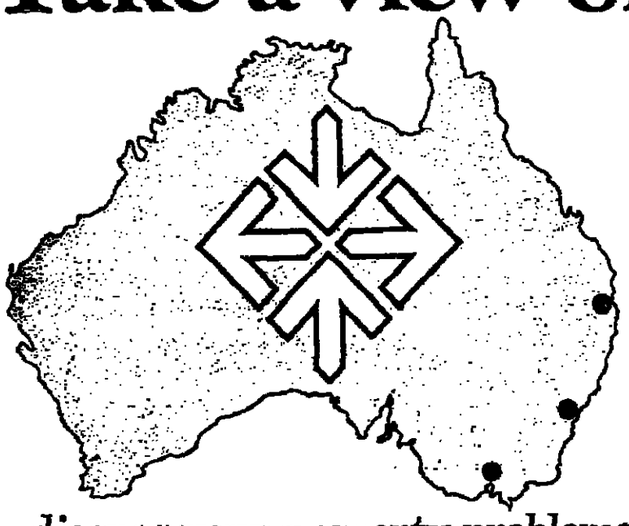
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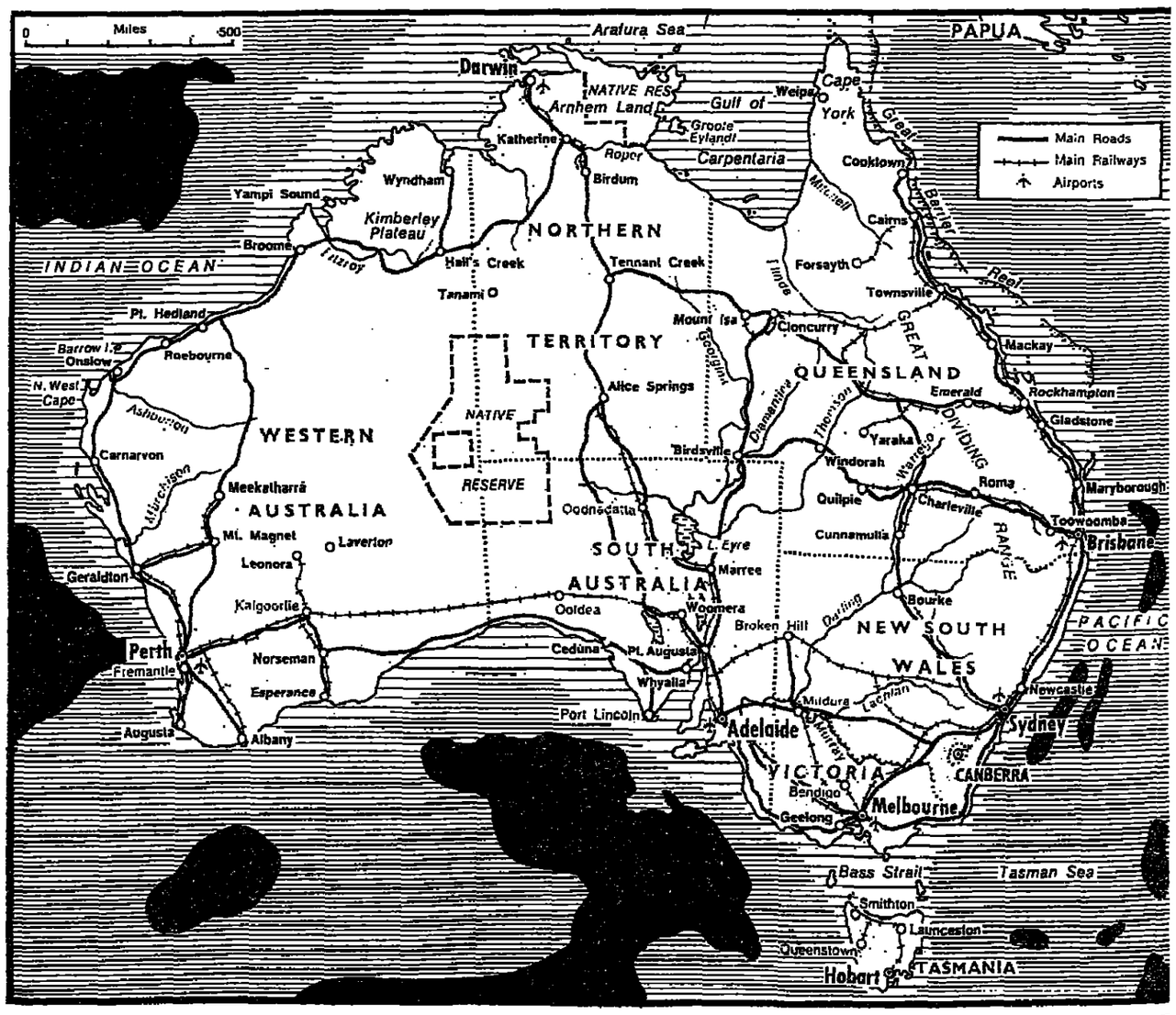


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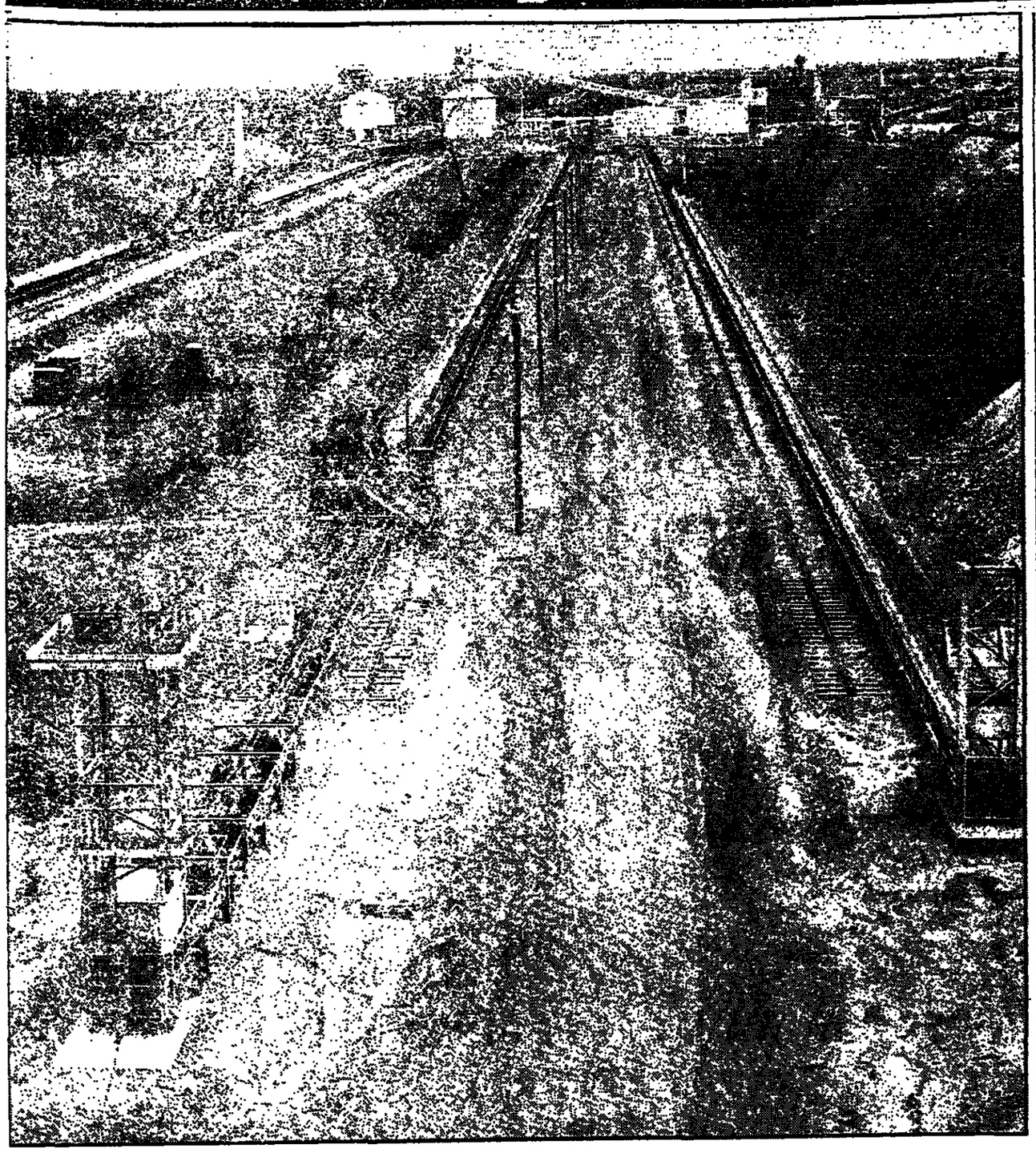
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# Asia presses claim to trade

by Ted Cavey

Australia's trading outlook was dominated during the past year by the country's obsession with getting increased access to the markets of the EEC—but the Community's intransigence may yet prove a blessing. It is giving rise to a more determined, if still reluctant, casting around at the markets in Australia's immediate region, those offered by its 2,000 million neighbours in Asia.

Criticism is growing of the federal Government's onslaught on the EEC to try to force a way through the wall which that trading colossus has erected to keep out the rest of the world's agricultural products. It is felt that the force of this approach is adversely affecting and detracting from the opening of trading opportunities with Asian nations, most of whom are already trenchantly critical of Australia's high tariffs and quantitative restrictions.

Australia's Minister for Special Trade Representations, Mr R. V. Garland, has rejected the criticism, justifying the EEC drive by saying that Australia's capacity for Asian exports will be enhanced if better market access for the country's agricultural products can be achieved. Consequently, Mr Garland and the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, have indicated that Australia will continue to batter against the EEC wall if for no other reason than not so to do could be interpreted as condoning EEC policies and practices.

They point out that despite the potentially capacious Asian market, the EEC is still the biggest single source of supply of Australia's imports (about 26 per cent) and its third largest export market (about 16 per cent). But the Government cannot ignore the pressure building up to switch the main thrust to Asia and the Pacific, particularly the urging of greater export efforts by industries which are energy intensive rather than labour or technology intensive.

It is being rammed home that Australia is in a better position than most countries to upgrade raw materials such as bauxite and nickel, which is also implicit recognition that Australia cannot compete with Asia's more efficient, more productive industries.

It follows that Australia must help to promote more prosperity, more development in the countries of the region, not as an exercise in good fellowship but as an investment in practicality—the more buoyant their economies, the better their import capability. However, while it is true that Australia's imports from Asia have increased strikingly (at the expense of European imports) there is still constant and embarrassing criticism of the imbalance.

Particularly strident are the countries of ASEAN — Association of South-east Asian Nations—which include Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Opening the Australian-ASEAN Industrial Cooperation Conference in Melbourne recently, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr J. D. Anthony, acknowledged the criticism and emphasized the problems, the size and limitation of the Australian market.

"A market of 14 million people obviously is much smaller than the markets in the industrialized economies of the EEC, Japan or the United States", he said, many thought unnecessarily, but he promised no immediate change of direction.

The hard-headed Asians were not impressed. Singapore's Senior Minister for Finance, Mr Goh Chok Tong, replied that it appeared that ASEAN nations lacked the charm of France and Italy when it came to wooing Australia. "Perhaps we in ASEAN must learn the technique of cooperation from the EEC and how it gets the Prime Minister of Australia to knock on its door", he said. Similarly, Australia's major trading partner, Japan, has recently brought strong pressure to bear for the abolition of restrictions on Japan's imports, worth nearly $2,000m a year.

The pressure is being applied as trade relations between the two countries are at a delicate stage. Australia wants Japan to increase its beef imports by 30 per cent—with Australia to supply half the increase—by 1980. This could involve a system of deficiency payments to Japanese producers to compensate them for higher imports.

The major drawback to Japanese compliance, however, is the present $A3,000m annual trade deficit which Japan sees as strong persuasion for Australia to abolish import restrictions against cars, textiles and other consumer goods.

There is optimism Australia is on the thres of building up substanti ports to China, which ha magnetic potential o population of 900 mi Exports this year are pected to top $450m, r from $184,600,000 in 197 but the commodities are dominantly food prod minerals and raw mate Few Australian firms any success in selling m factured products bec China has tended to tak machinery and techn imports from the more dustrialized nations.

The Opposition has so to capitalize on the Fr Government's trade prob with the EEC and its t trading partners. Its le Mr Bill Hayden, recently forward a six-point aimed at intensifying development of countri the region and gearing tralia's export industrie meet new Asian market

The proposals include pointment of a special negotiator for South Asia, government encou ment for businessmen to part in joint trade and d lopment ventures in regi countries, and establish of a financial institution Australia to provide l term loans to develo countries to enable the finance exports from Au lia.

Mr Hayden also ecl the widely held belief Australia was missing opportunity to enhance influence in South-east by its failure to take act caused in part by look wistfully to Europe economic salvation thro increased trade.

# View gains ground that there are too many universities

by Virginia Duigan

The generation of Australians who are now in middle life grew up with the gospel of growth ringing in their ears. Australia was young, free and prosperous. Its children should be educated to the limits of their ability. University life would not be a perk for the sons and daughters of the elite; it would be open to all with the brains to take advantage of it.

Reality, of course, fell somewhat short of the ideal, and tertiary education remained to a large extent the prerogative of the moneyed classes.

But in practical terms it was the thought that counted. The educate or perish principle has left Australia in 1978 with a population of fewer than 14 million, 19 universities and a student body of 160,000.

The present recession and high unemployment, plus a federal Government resolutely devoted to curting costs and corners, has taken the country's tertiary institutions by surprise. Suddenly the 19 universities and 84 colleges of advanced education are in the firing line.

The feeling that there are too many universities costing too much money, turning out too many students trained *for jobs that do not exist*; the idea that a sixth form pass should not be an automatic passport to university — such former heresies are now, in many quarters, articles of faith.

"We cannot afford either the money or the talents to have enough universities to satisfy these demands. Certainly we cannot afford enough universities maintained at world standards to do so", Sir David Derham, Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University, said earlier this year. Universities were reduced to issuing licences to practice, with scientists, economists and accountants "taking over" a Monash University political science lecturer said in April.

The 1979-81 period will see real growth in tertiary institutions reduced to 1.3 per cent after a recommendation by the Tertiary Education Commission. While taking a slightly higher student load, establishments should cut capital expenditure and make savings of the order of 5 per cent, the commission advised.

The federal Government's long-term strategy is to channel funds away from the tertiary sector and into technical education. The Government, it seems, has accepted the conventional wisdom that there are too many universities.

It is revealing to glance back at the 1950s, the start of the heyday of educational optimism, when the response to all problems was the magic word more. Hire more staff, enrol more students, apply for more money, and all would be given. Three thousand degrees a year were issued in the mid-1950s. This year, with unemployment almost seven times higher, the figure for bachelor degrees alone was 30,000. Something has to give.

Senator Carrick, the federal Education Minister, is quite clear about what has to give. "We are trying to improve the quality of education", *he told a national weekly newspaper recently*, "and this does not necessarily mean solving all problems with finance, as some people would like".

In the 1978-79 financial year the tertiary budget was duly reduced by 7 per cent. But the figure is misleading. Funds allocated to universities and colleges were actually slashed by $26m, while technical and further education took almost a $19m boost.

The cutback in federal funds has hit building programmes, staff recruitment and research. In the 10 years to 1976 it has been calculated that the money spent per university researcher worker fell by half.

Most universities have stopped filling tutors' jobs as they fall vacant. Academic staff are now largely static, and they will be an aging species. Only 16 per cent are now over 50, and it will take 15 years to work them out of the system. As they get older, their salaries will cost the universities progressively more each year, a phenomenon quaintly known as "incremental creep".

The students, too, are not as young as they were. At the Australian National University in Canberra the number of students coming straight from school fell from 73 per cent in 1974 to 57 per cent this year. At Murdoch, Western Australia, and Macquarie, New South Wales, more than half the students are now over 23.

And the practical realities of living in a land where the milk and honey are rapidly drying up have not taken long to get through to the students. Most universities report sharp drops in enrolments in faculties like architecture and commerce, linked with high unemployment areas, or arts and science, which do not lead to definite jobs. At La Trobe, in Melbourne, a university with a strong emphasis on humanities and social science, enrolments were down by 500 this year—7 per cent of the total.

Those students lucky enough to be in the university and faculty of their choice have their minds on serious things. The late 1970s is an era of student disengagement, of quiescence and pessimism.

Issues like uranium and the increasingly conservative drift of federal politics continue to occupy and concern students, but where there would once have been mass rallies and street campaigns there are now gentler demonstrations and meetings. The concern seems to lead to thought rather than action.

The 1960s, dominated by the Vietnam war issue, was a time of deep moral involvement for most students. Until the early 1970s, Melbourne's Monash University had a reputation similar to that of Sussex. It was a predominantly radical campus full of fire and energy. Now it is serene as any.

The 1960s also were tin of economic and social o mism. The abrupt and forced departure of Whitlam Government 1975, and its aftermath, p an end to any such lingeri daydreams and demonstrat emphatically that Australia were weary of their flir tion with change. For st dents with illusions to shattered, it was a ha lesson.

"I have not seen a tel vision camera on the campu for years", Professor Ia Turner, head of the depar ment of history at Monas University, said earlier th year. That is as good a bar meter of the present studen temperature as one coul hope to find. Activism i dead, according to an admin strator at the same univer sity.

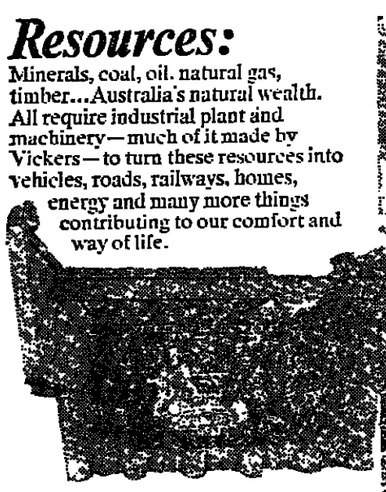
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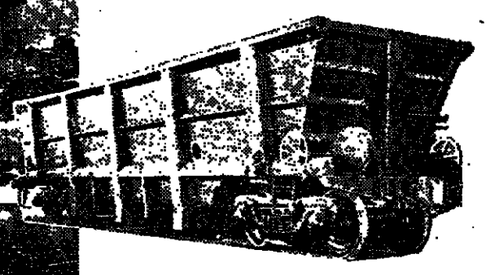


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# Aborigines battle to keep identity

meron Forbes

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without the land, cul- will die and with it, ing to many ers, the chance of the ty of Aborigines to out of the cycle of poverty which sees them educationally deprived, over-represented in the prison population, chroni- cally unemployed and in shameful ill health. (For in- stance, 25 per cent of Aboriginal children in the Sydney area, close to a con- centration of health-care facilities, suffer from such severe malnutrition that they are permanently brain- damaged.)

The former Labour Commonwealth Government introduced land rights legis- lation in the Northern Ter- ritory under which Abori- gines can seek ownership of their traditional land. The Act covers only unalienated crown land; that is, almost invariably land which the cattle and sheep men spurned as too poor.

But the richness even of boulder strewn desert areas to the Aborigines is beyond estimate. The land is their book of creation. It is pat- terned by the wanderings and deeds of heroic ances- tors who emerged from their subterranean world and travelled across the countryside, setting up com- plex webs. By performing intricate rituals, today's Aborigines not only main- tain links with their ances- tors but also, according to their firm beliefs, sustain the land and its flora and fauna.

This year the Warlpiri people, whose traditional land is at the centre of the red heart of Australia, have claimed, under the Land Rights Act, an area almost half the size of the state of Victoria—96,000 sq km of desperately poor and harshly beautiful country.

There is a special poig- nancy about their appeal. Only 40 years ago the Warl- piri fled their homeland in fear after whites mounted the last of the punitive expeditions. One white man had been killed and another wounded. Officially 31 Aborigines died in the mas- sacre that followed, though some estimates put the toll at more than a hundred.

This is how one elder of the tribe, a boy at the time, remembers it: "And they turn around and shootem all lot. All people, all like bullock. Old people bin here, this country. Old people, like bullock. Big mob, woman, kid, man. Too much woman, too much . . . too much man. Too much blackfeller. All Warl- piri, you know, all Warlpiri. Poor bugger."

In his opening address to the Land Commissioner, counsel for the Warlpiri, Mr Geoff Eames, said: "It will be shown on the evidence that the people were at one spiritually and economically with their country.

"It will be our submis- sion that detriment to others, if this claim were granted, would be insignif- icant compared with the detriment to the claimant if it were denied. The Aborig- inal people have survived the desert and its harsh- ness; they have also sur- vived white barbarism, in- eptness and disinterest.

"Today the claimants re- tain both their unity and their traditional values. They are not necessarily identical to a thousand or even a hun- dred years ago but like any culture, with modifications and adaptations—not as a museum piece, but as a liv- ing culture."

The Warlpiri are likely to be successful in their claim which will, among other things, give them some say over mining on their land and some stake in the re- turns from mining opera- tions. The federal Govern- ment retains the power to over-ride Aboriginal objec- tions, but tribes, with the help of white negotiators, have been able to drive moderately hard bargains.

Their share of royalties may not match that gained by American Indians for in- stance, and they do not feel totally secure about protec- tion of their sacred sites, but the fact that a Prime Minis- ter (as happened recently) feels compelled to fly to the Northern Territory and answer their objections has strengthened immeasurably their self-perception.

From across the border in Queensland, the people of Aurukun and Mornington island watch the relative growth in power and inde- pendence of the Northern Territory Aborigines with envy.

Since March this year they have been fighting against a Queensland Government takeover of their communi- ties. Aurukun is the major target of Queensland inten- tions for two reasons: one is that the people have fought, as far as the Privy Council, an agreement entered into, without proper consultation with them, by the Queens- land Government with baux- ite miners; the other is a decentralization movement which has seen small groups of Aborigines move back to their traditional country and attempt to establish self- sufficient industries.

The Queensland Govern- ment, ignoring the fact that their artificial central settle- ments have been social dis- asters, labels this back-to- the-land movement as apar- theid. But Aurukun Abor- igines feel as strongly about the land as their Northern Territory brothers. In a con- frontation with the Queens- land Premier, Mr Bjelke- Petersen, an Aboriginal councillor said: "We own this land. Before the Euro- peans ever came. The land is our mother. We are of the land."

Faced with a Queensland Government decision to take over control of the communi- ties from the Uniting Church, the people of Aurukun and Mornington island turned to the federal Government. They knew that after a landmark 1967 refer- endum, the Commonwealth Government had the consti- tutional authority to take full responsibility for Aboriginal affairs.

At first it seemed as if the Commonwealth Government would use its powers to keep the Queensland Gov- ernment off the settlements.

But over the past few months there has been an abject failure of political will on the part of the Com- monwealth Government. It has avoided repeatedly a confrontation with the single-minded Queensland Government and it is clearly concerned about what com- pensation it might have to pay if it takes over the Aurukun and Mornington island land.

The Queensland Govern- ment will undoubtedly attempt to implement its assimilation policies and reduce Aboriginal culture to something quaint and sterile. This would destroy the two communities, and, if the Commonwealth Gov- ernment fails to intervene effectively, it will be a signal to Aborigines in most of the states that they are fighting a dramatically one-sided battle to mould their past into a new and positive pattern of living.



Without rights to their traditional land, tribal and semi-tribal Aborigines will lose their culture.

# Microcosm of the world mining industry

esmond Quigley

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lespite the hard times in iron ore industry, the n producers such as mersley are continuing to tail expanded capacity. ile this will start produc- n before there is any sus- ned market upturn, the lustry will be poised to ike when conditions im- ove. It is a measure of eternal, and necessary, timism of the industry at even when demand is on its back, expansion ans continue.

One casualty, however, uld be Consolidated Gold elds' Mount Goldsworthy, ich originally opened up east deposits of the Pil- ra. The present workings e all but played out and tempts to gain contracts cessary to secure reason- le funding of the Area C section have so far proved unsuccessful.

And given the present state of the market, Mr Lang Hancock's attempts to develop another deposit have failed with lack of con- tracts and hostility from state and federal govern- ments fearful that another big project at this time would undermine even fur- ther the position of the existing producers.

But if the iron and nickel producers are dreaming of better days, the coal in- dustry is booming. The country is already the world's third largest exporter and beginning to nudge Poland. After a few years of sluggishness because of the international markets and the state of Japan's industry, coal production is rapidly expanding too.

Much of the activity centres on the coal area in Bowen Basin, Queensland, particularly with the Hail Creek and German Creek projects. But to the south in New South Wales, massive reserves have been unco- vered in the Hunter Valley and there are four major projects under way. Apart from being rich, these depo- sits are near the coast and necessary services.

The international oil majors have been particu- larly attracted by the new coal prospects as they seek to diversify their energy sources. While having to work within the foreign in- vestment guidelines, the likes of British Petroleum, Shell, Exxon and Atlantic Richfield have moved in.

Australia has been helped by a burgeon- ing demand for steaming coal, having relied mainly on coking coal, but even with coking coal there are several new projects, such as German Creek, in which, incidentally, the British National Coal Board has a 20 per cent stake.

If the oil groups have been attracted by the coal prospects, they have also looked at the country's vast uranium reserves. Getty Oil has for long been in the Jabiluka venture, which has the largest known deposits in the world, while Exxon has recently moved in with Western Mining in the Yee- lirrie venture in Western Australia—the most substan- tial prospect outside the Northern Territory.

But here the associations have been much less happy, although it is hardly the fault of the oil companies. Uranium has been one of the most divisive issues in Australian society for many years with a large body of opinion, and not just a small vocal minority as many mining companies try to make out, strongly opposed to the development of the uranium reserves.

The industry has stag- nated since the establish- ment of the Fox commission in 1975 to undertake a thorough review of the pros- pects and likely impact of uranium mining. Despite the commitment of the Gov- ernment last year to ura- nium mining after publi- cation of the Fox report— albeit with very strict con- trols both internally and on exports—there have been many false starts. Recently the Ranger project, run by EZ Industries and Peko- Wallsend, was given the go- ahead only to be baulked two days later by further resistance from a section of the aborigine communities.

Aborigines have become an increasingly important factor in mining, but partic- ularly so in the case of the Northern Territory uranium deposits.

In some respects it is just as well that the uranium de- velopment has been held up since the demand for ura- nium has fallen with the slow-down in the nuclear power programme through- out much of the world. On the other hand, the delay has allowed other countries to capitalize on the absence of the Australians and to pick up some lucrative con- tracts.

Environmentalists cut their teeth during the ura- nium debate suddenly dis- covering that they had con- siderably more power than they had been credited with previously. They are now using their new-found experience elsewhere.

Apart from uranium one of the most controversial projects is the planned expansion of Alcoa's bauxite mines to the south of Perth in Western Australia. The project, on which the pro- posed north-west continental shelf natural gas develop- ment is highly dependent, is vital to the state's next growth stage.

But environmentalists claim that the plans, by leading to the destruction of more Jarra forest, will lead to an increase in the salinity in the water table. This argument, although it gets short shrift at state government level and among the mining frater- nity, is an emotive and im- portant matter in an arid state. The state has had a drought for two years and stringent water restrictions had to be imposed.

Meanwhile the country is in the grip of diamond fever with the search con- centrated in the north of Western Australia. Dia- monds have been found by a consortium led by Aus- tralia's largest mining com- pany, Conzinc Riotinto. It is not yet known whether the find will be payable or what quality the stones are. But such trifles have not been allowed to get in the way of a spectacular share boom.

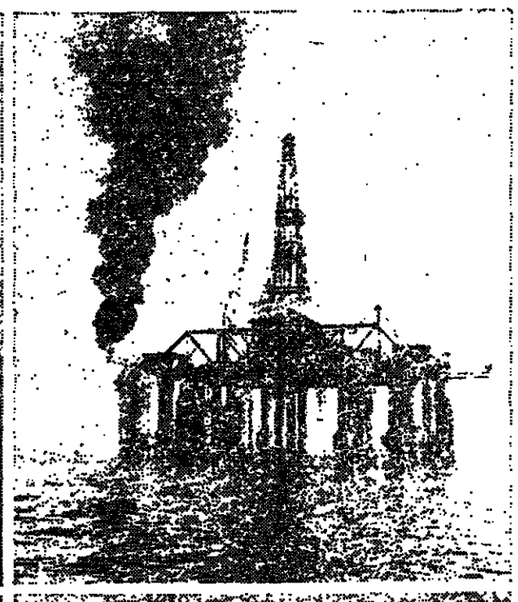
Gamblers at heart, Austra- lians flock almost lemming- like to the latest "hot" stocks as they did during the nickel era—although in fairness it must be said that London does more than its fair share to stampede prices. Speculation on dia- mond finds is already high and seems destined to go much higher unless a major operator such as CRA brings out a very bearish report.

Despite the buffeting the mining industry has taken over the past few years it is by and large in good shape for the next major economic upturn, provided there is not a return to some of the more crass antics of the late R. F. X. O'Connor during the Whitlam Government.

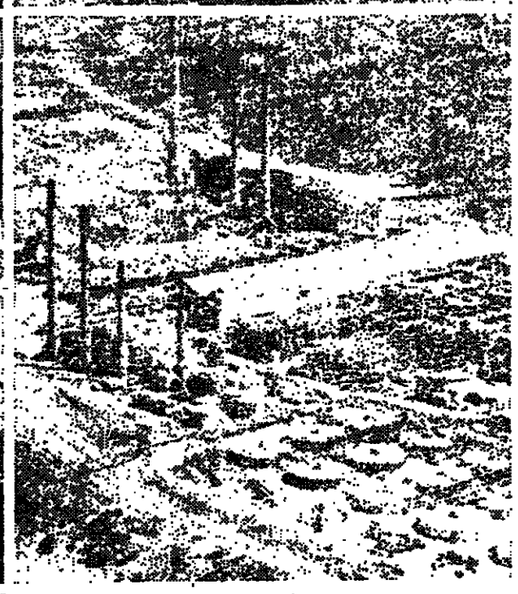

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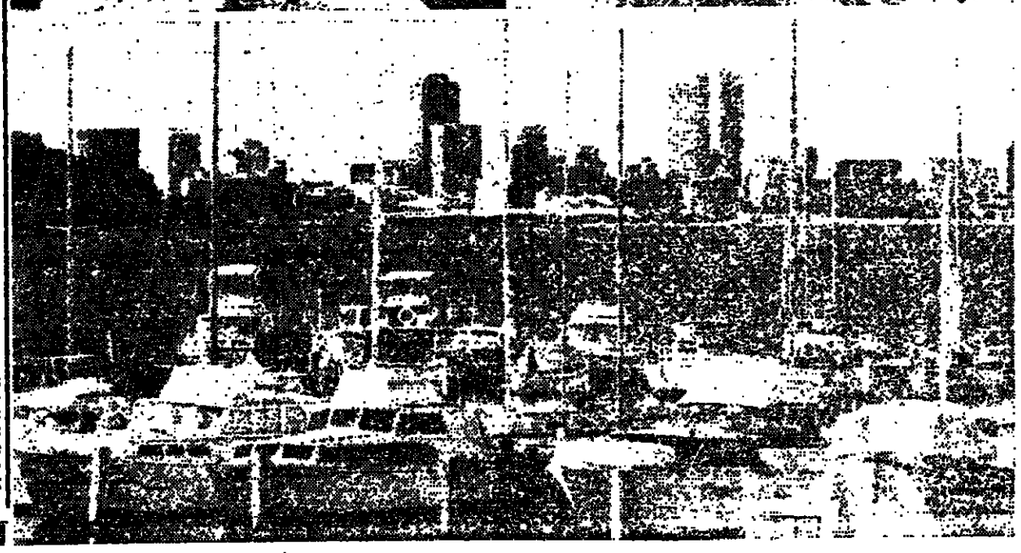
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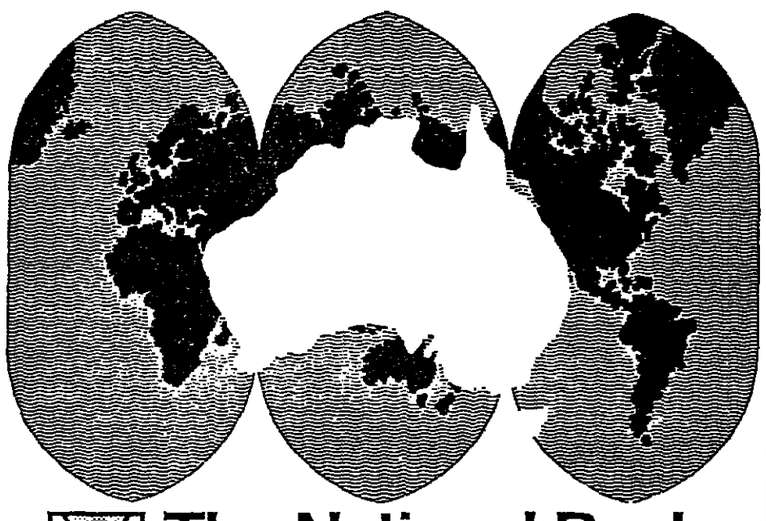
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# A nation growing out of its sports fixation

*by Derry Hogue*

For several decades up to about six years ago, failure at sport in Australia, like unemployment, was something that occurred only in other countries.

As with price rises in wool, wheat, sugar, iron ore and bauxite exports and oil and opal finds, so it was with tennis players, swimmers, long-distance runners and cricketers. The commonplace assumption was that they were the natural outcome of a land blessed with immense good fortune and climate. Given that training methods for the most part differed little from the rest of the world and, allowing only that diet might have been better than in many other countries, how else did each generation explain the astonishing successes of its national sporting heroes?

Popular theory abounded to keep up with each new medal, return of Ashes, cup or trophy and included pronouncements such as the reason Australian batsmen were so good was because they grew up under bright and sunny skies and their eyes became more accustomed to seeing long distances so they saw the ball coming down the pitch a split second faster than their English counterparts.

Certainly though, plenty of steak and salads, if not always for breakfast, produced ever bigger and stronger children and the suburban way of life meant lots of open space to run about in. Most of the country most of the year enjoys a warm climate and most of the population lives close to water.

Add to that mixture the political geography of the place: a huge island where self-identity had not been forced through invasion nor arisen through internal turmoil. The easy-going, well fed and unthreatened populace had its share of bush-ranger folk heroes but no national myth.

What better than to look to the stunning results of its sportsmen and women and pretend a reality that all Australians were a great sportspeople. Undoubtedly the myth was also believed outside the country, coinciding with, and then overtaking, the other mistaken impression that Australian men were lean, sunbronzed shearers or surf lifesavers.

A quick and simple trace of the origins of the seemingly national passion for sport could start with the British heritage, particularly its less desirable components of insularity and a fear of culture. Both these aspects were readily transferred.

Removed from the older society it was easy to develop an insecurity about "soft" cultural pursuits, especially in the earlier pioneer days.

Recognition of an Australian writer, painter or musician had first to come from London, Paris or New York. But it was so easy to recognize the criterion for being a top sportsman or woman—you came first.

To identify with a long list of successful Australian men and women in just about any sport played internationally was a good palliative against the provincial chip on the shoulder about being unnoticed by the world for any reason other than the extraction of its mineral wealth.

The truth is, and always has been, that no greater number of people in Australia than in comparable countries such as Britain, Canada and America, who have some sporting skill, follow it up and train for big competitions.

There are probably more people in Britain taking part in organized sport per head of population than in Australia. The difference might be that far greater numbers are involved in informal and non-competitive sport. Going to the beach in Australia means surfing and swimming, taking in vitamins from the sun and not sitting at Blackpool looking at muddy pebbles washed over by a cold sea and swathed in rugs against the wind.

Any myth has to have its following but most Australians watch their sport on television and, as regards cricket, unquestionably they do not share the regular attendance and enthusiasm seen in Britain. In Australia big attendances at cricket matches returned only with Lillee and Thomson. Losing is not part of the spirit appreciated by Australian crowds.

In general, the myth has compounded its own demand for success as evidenced by the disproportionate number of Australians among the world champions in such a wide variety of sport from surfing and golf to snooker and billiards. The winners are rarely forgotten.



Jeff Thomson, terror of the batsman. His style was a potent factor in bringing back the crowds to Australian cricket grounds.

The one sport where there is only a fair rather than excessive share of winners is boxing and the explanation is that most Australians have never gone hungry enough to have to use the ring as a way out of poverty.

But the past 10 years have witnessed a dramatic knock to the sporting superiority to the point where for the first time this century it is no longer taken for granted. The failure to win any gold medals at the Montreal Olympics came as no less of a blow than if Australia had been bowled out f runs in every innings Test series against the played on Australian

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The second reason the one of greater cance is that Australi undergone such a big transformation in the 20 years. The chip o shoulder might still there these days but just as likely to be the lack of world inter Australian efforts in music or ballet. makers are of equal acclaim to footballers. society is far more di in its make-up and is ing more broadly at its

As one diplomat wit tensive experience of Antipodes said in Lo recently: "In New Zea when it comes to n hood they are still children, but the Au lians have grown up n They are like teenagers

# Films find a conscience in place of gumleaf nostalgia

*by John Larkin*

Films are the great glamour event in the Australian arts. The 16 feature films offered at Cannes, making it the most outstanding contribution of any country, were followed with a new national pride and attention usually given to that old great Australian obsession, sport.

More serious, too, are the actual contents. Fading is the preoccupation with the more romantic ways. Also disappearing are more evocative landscape films from the time of federation and a country growing up confused. Even bushrangers are taking their true place as a thing of the past.

Instead of gumleaf nostalgia there are more subjects of conscience. Two recent such films are Fred Schepisi's *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*, and *The Last Tasmanian*.

There are also films about the environment, such as *The Last Wave*, which includes relationships between black and white, and *The Long Weekend*, in which nature strikes back against having been violated by pollution.

And there is a masterpiece, *Mouth to Mouth*, written and directed by John Duigan, a film about unemployed youth in the city, a topic on everybody's lips as jobs become more scarce in Australia.

Along with the good-byes to Barry McKenzie is the disappearance of the uncritical audiences. While critics used to be dismayed by the almost universal acceptance of anything, the public is now becoming much more discriminating.

One film suffering from new audience awareness and debate is *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*, which three months later, is still being discussed. It is claimed it missed its point, having not secured enough motivation for its black hero who goes crazy with an axe and kills many whites.

This and *The Last Tasmanian* have been alleged to be playing on white guilt, with an argument going on about whether all the Aborigines in Tasmania were wiped out or not.

At the same time *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*, a major new film, is suffering by comparison with Phillip Noyce's *Newsfront*, which studies two rival newsreel companies in the 1940s and 1950s. It was not ready in time for Cannes and some critics feel it might have had a better chance in the competition.

Also, *Mouth to Mouth*, which cost only about a tenth of Jimmie Blacksmith's SA1.5m is receiving much praise, which brings out the question of where the local film industry will go. In the past 10 years the industry has become progressively stronger. There is unreal talk of blockbusters and competition with America, while other critics are urging more localized, relevant material, which will also not cripple its makers financially.

It is all part of an identity crisis which is becoming a constant part of life in Australia and films are an important way to reflect Australia and help it to come to terms with itself.

Another reason why the *Jimmie Blacksmith* film has caused an upheaval may be because it is causing audiences to confront themselves, and to make a choice about which side they support, black or white. It is not a habit Australians take to kindly, having been accustomed to distraction rather than serious self-examination.

One of the most important plays to be shown for the first time, *Big Toys*, by Patrick White, also caused comment because it too confronted audiences, this time on the subject of uranium, about which there is some debate in Australia, but not yet enough.

The Nobel Prize winning writer's reentry into theatre was generally not greeted kindly. But this critic and a couple of others thought it enormously important work as well as brilliantly written and staged.

Other theatre news has been the success of Steve J. Spears's *The Elocution of Benjamin Franklin* with Gordon Chater as the aging transvestite trying to make it through the day and night; and David Williamson coming up with yet another successful reflection of the generally undefined Australian society with *The Club*, about football. Both these plays have been good enough to export.

Melbourne now seems sure of the survival of its new third professional theatre company, Hoopla, which, after a rocky start, is happily staging new Australian plays for which it was founded. But in Sydney the Old Tote is about to close despite grants of nearly $A1m. The main criticism has been its choice of plays, not helped by a lack of Australian content.

Literature has been quiet, except for the loud arrival of Colleen McCulloch's *The Thorn Birds*, announcing also the coming of the technique of blockbusting advance publicity, a system now being used regularly also in television so that the product is embedded in the public mind before its release.

Australian writing has reached a levelling off. It has moved out of the past and now has to think about the present.

One aspect, though, which is emerging strongly is among the Aborigines. More and more books of black verse, biographies and legends are beginning to appear, as the Aborigines are reasserting themselves more as a people, through their culture and their stand on rights.

For the rest, the idealistic days of five years ago under the Labour Government when grants were readily available for writers are now mere memories.

A full-time working fellowship for writers being granted today by the Australia Council is SA10,000, compared to SA8,000 in 1973, a 25 per cent increase, while many ordinary salaries in that time have doubled. Money being given to the Australia Council is behind inflation rates and this year it is supporting only about half the number of writers who were being helped in 1973.

The Fraser Government's "federalist" policy has reduced support from what it was under Mr Whitlam, and put more onus on the staes.

There has also been something of a reaction against writers being given grants, as though it is against the old work ethic. It is forgotten that the best writing of the past century came not from suffering but from people having the time to be creative.

One subsidized Australian artistic life, though, is actually making money. This is the 16-year-old Australian ballet which is one of the few of its kind in the world securing profit. Yet, for its trouble, it has been criticized for dropping the standard.

And the Australian opera is having success with a new subscription system which means, theoretically, seeing Joan Sutherland in the lead in two operas for $A5 a performance. The package is 10 operas for between $A50 and $A135 and five for $A25 to $A75. The opera is after regular subscribers and big audiences, without which theatre gets into big trouble.

For those who think Oz is still over-run by philistines, it should be reported that the touring Chinese exhibition attracted more people than all the grand finals for the football.



Gordon Chater, one of the most successful of the new wave of Australian acto in a scene from The Elocution of Benjamin Franklin.


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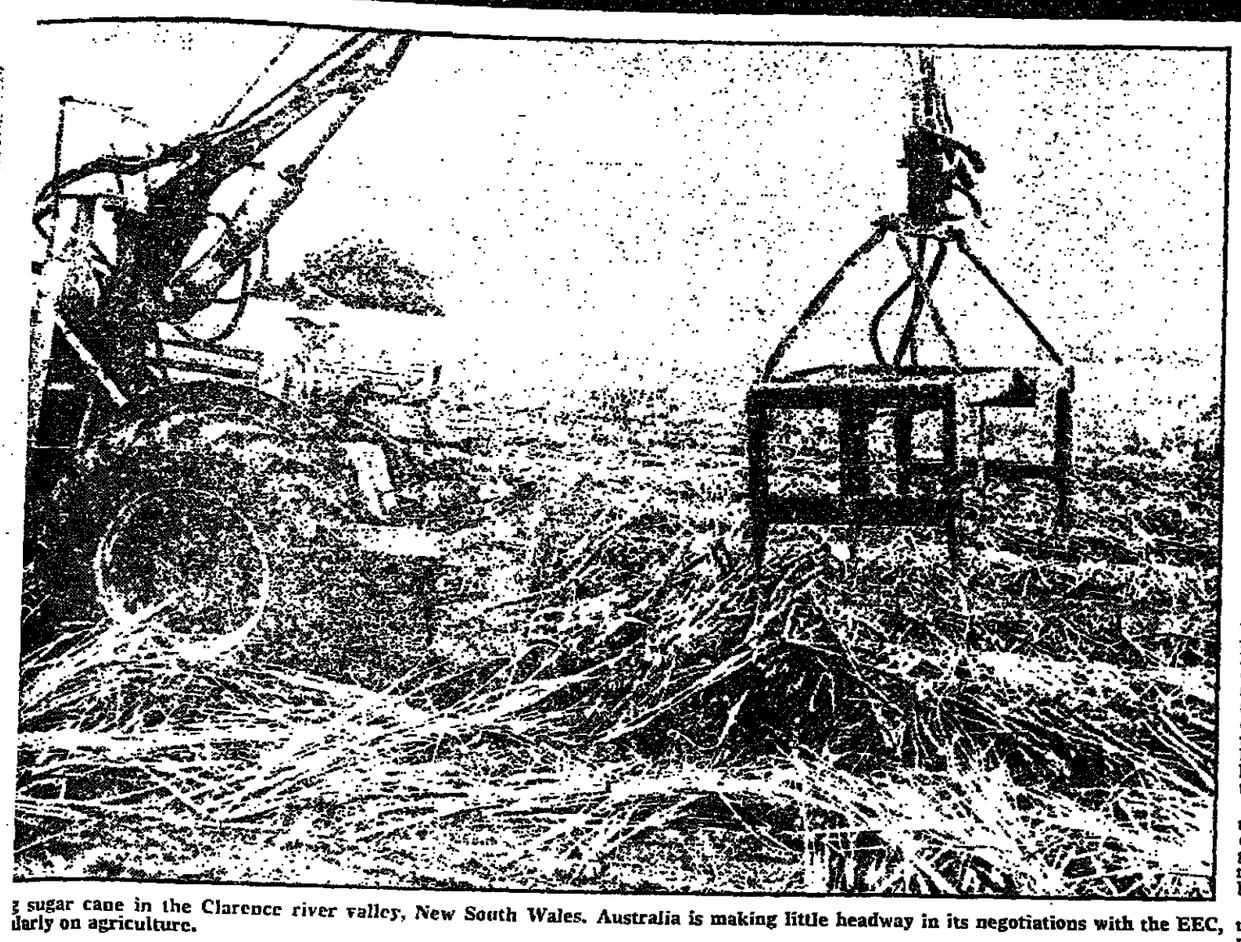
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g sugar cane in the Clarence river valley, New South Wales. Australia is making little headway in its negotiations with the EEC, larly on agriculture.

# Not too easy with EEC

**by Douglas Aiton**

Australia's negotiations with the EEC are not going well. The constant reassurance from Canberra is that some headway is being made, but there is little evidence.

Last July, for example, Mr Douglas Anthony, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Resources, said the EEC "has held out some hope of a better deal for Australian agriculture", which was hardly an exciting statement, and any activity on this front has been kept quiet. Mr Anthony also said that talks in Geneva at the time "could prove to be a turning point in relations between the EEC and Australia". Again, nothing has happened.

If there has been any change, it has been in Australia's approach. The Fraser Government at first took the line that the way to maintain Australia's trade with the EEC was to complain loudly that it should not be edged out. When that did not seem to work, the approach became more conciliatory. Still it looks as though Australia will somehow have to find more markets for its primary industry products in Asia.

After those important talks in Geneva last July (the world trade talks) it was gloomily concluded in Australia that its efforts had been a failure.

Indeed, some commentators assessed the Australian situation at the talks as "embarrassing", presumably because of the apparent reluctance by the Fraser Government to accept that Australia is relatively powerless and unimportant as far as Europe is concerned.

Now the Government has shown signs of accepting this unhappy reality. The Prime Minister himself was unable to make much headway with Mr Roy Jenkins and returned to Australia disappointed.

In the negotiations which are proceeding with the EEC, both within the current Multilateral Trade Negotiations and bilaterally, Australia has three objectives:

* An improvement in the conditions of access for Australian products to the EEC through a reduction in import barriers.
* More equitable rules for agricultural trade, particularly new disciplines to constrain dumping of highly subsidized products on third markets.
* Multilateral commodity arrangements in appropriate cases to help even our fluctuations in producers' incomes.

Common to these objectives is the view that a rational world trading system will embody the principle that efficient producers should be allowed to compete for a reasonable share of markets.

This principle must apply with particular force to the domestic markets of the major world economies—the United States, Japan and the EEC—since if any of these are exempt the world trading system will be weakened. Of course, Australia's particular concern with the EEC is that the EEC has been the least responsive of its major trading partners to this principle.

Australia is not allowed to compete for a reasonable share of the EEC market and an imbalance of trading opportunities, developed and sustained through artificial barriers, has resulted in a serious deficit in its trade with the Community.

For Australia, it is now a losing battle. While Mr Anthony berates the Community for building a wall around itself, Australia's special negotiator, Mr Vic Garland, complains that in Brussels the Commission had offered "nothing of any value—not even a written reply to our requests."

The trouble was that Australia did not realize quickly enough, back in 1973, that their biggest food export market, Britain, was to slip behind the EEC's common agricultural policy's tariff walls. That barrier has been rising constantly as the EEC's surpluses of its own milk, beef and sugar have risen.

In essence, Australia's traditional exports to Britain of cereals, dairy products and beef have dropped by 80 per cent since 1973. This has been no help to the struggling Australian economy.

Its beef exports to the EEC last year were down 90,000 tonnes on the 1973 figures. Naturally, the beef farmer and the entire beef industry has suffered tremendously, which may be why in Australian country towns many cars carry stickers reading "Eat more beef".

One legitimate Australian complaint is that the EEC has dumped its own surplus of farm produce on countries that it previously encouraged Australia (and New Zealand) to turn to. Nevertheless, it has been argued that the Australian gross national product per head at $A6,760 (in 1976) is considerably healthier than the Community average.

The arguments continue. The Australian Government will not give up. The EEC is adamant that Australia and New Zealand are no longer needed. It is stalemate, and a distinct loss for Australia.

**Exports to the EEC**

| | 1965-66 | 1972-73 ('000 tonnes) | 1976-77 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sugar | 461 | 427 | 121 |
| Wheat | 684 | 534 | 177 |
| Beef, veal | 89 | 110 | 18 |
| Butter | 64 | 32 | 0 |
| Canned fruits | 113 | 107 | 57 |
| Apples and pears | 164 | 103 | 29 |
| Cheese | 9 | 1 | 2 |



t training at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, near Canberra. The for officer cadets lasts four years.

# All trained up and no-one to fight

**enry Stanhope**

2.4 per cent of alian men under the of 45 serve in the y's all-volunteer d Forces. This is ly less than the pro- n in Britain, but sly about equal to that ina. Apart from their e, it must be one of w characteristics that ve in common.

power targets have slightly increased dur- the past year or two, he total Armed Forces mber just over 70,000, hom 32,000 are in the more than 21,600 are e Royal Australian Air and nearly 16,400 are e navy. The relative th of the navy and air reflects Australia's time interests and abun- air space.

t it also indicates Aus- 's unique position as an d continent, for the most sparsely populated, ed away in the bottom hand corner of Merca- Projection, linked to East and West by cul- l and commercial ties, separated territorially by ns of deep blue water.

ecruiting went through a patch several years ago, so much because there a shortage of those who attracted by the pay conditions (which were still are very good) but ause most of those who lied fell short of the re ed standards. But it has roved since then, partly ause of economic prob- s—which, as in Britain, d to make the security of itary life seem more ealing. The end of the mam war, too, has prob- y had an influence.

ronically one problem for ruiters—and still more so military planners in Can- ra—remains the absence any identifiable enemy. rvicemen have to be found, ined and equipped to fend Australia — but ainst whom is a matter of esswork. It is a bit like adow boxing, except that en the shadow is blurred d indistinct.

Mr D. J. Killen, Defence inister, in his Defence eview 12 months ago, ferred to critics who had lled for some particular reat to be adopted as the basis for defence planning. But again he dismissed the option on the ground that it would entail a loss of flexibility and versatility.

"What we need", he said, "is a mix of capabilities against various possibilities, none of which can now be foreseen with sufficient confidence to allow the sort of specific defence planning called for." So the country's services are still configured to cope with a range of contingencies, from serious national emergencies to lower-key, local threats.

The establishment of a 200-mile fishing zone, for instance, has drawn attention to the need for surveillance patrols to protect Australian rights. But again, the country's extensive seaboard presents the Canberra Government with problems that are insurmountable.

The job of equipping balanced forces designed to deal with a wide range of contingencies is demanding. So far the ministry has approached it by shopping from a variety of arms suppliers in Europe and the United States. But it is American equipment which now predominates, followed by British, French and West German systems. The French are represented by 60 Mirage fighters and ground attack aircraft, the West Germans by more than 100 Leopard-1 tanks—which were chosen in 1975 against competition from the American M-60.

The second of two new Oberon-class submarines—additional to four already in service—has left Britain for Australia. Ten American P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft, chosen after consideration of the British Nimrod, are coming into service, and the third FFG-7 frigate has been ordered from the United States. The first of 15 naval patrol craft, ordered from Brooke Marine of Lowestoft in Britain, should enter service next year. The others will be built in Australia under the ministry's policy of promoting self-reliance in the supply of defence equipment.

A new multi-purpose communications network, costing more than $A100m has been approved. This will enhance command and control procedures, replacing the existing single-service networks.

But the two most interesting equipment decisions in the second half of the decade have still to be made. These involve the replacement for the 16,000-ton Melbourne, the Australian navy's only aircraft carrier, which is due to be phased out in 1985, and the new tactical aircraft to complement, and eventually succeed, the present fleet of Mirages.

In both cases the ministry has narrowed the range of options. To replace the Melbourne the navy is looking for a ship of between 10,000 and 25,000 tons—which seems wide enough—equipped with vertical take-off aircraft like the British Harrier and/or Sea King helicopters. Five models have been drawn up, ranging from a ship capable of carrying 12 aircraft to one which can carry 24—with decisions still to be made on the mix of fixed wing and rotary wing machines on board.

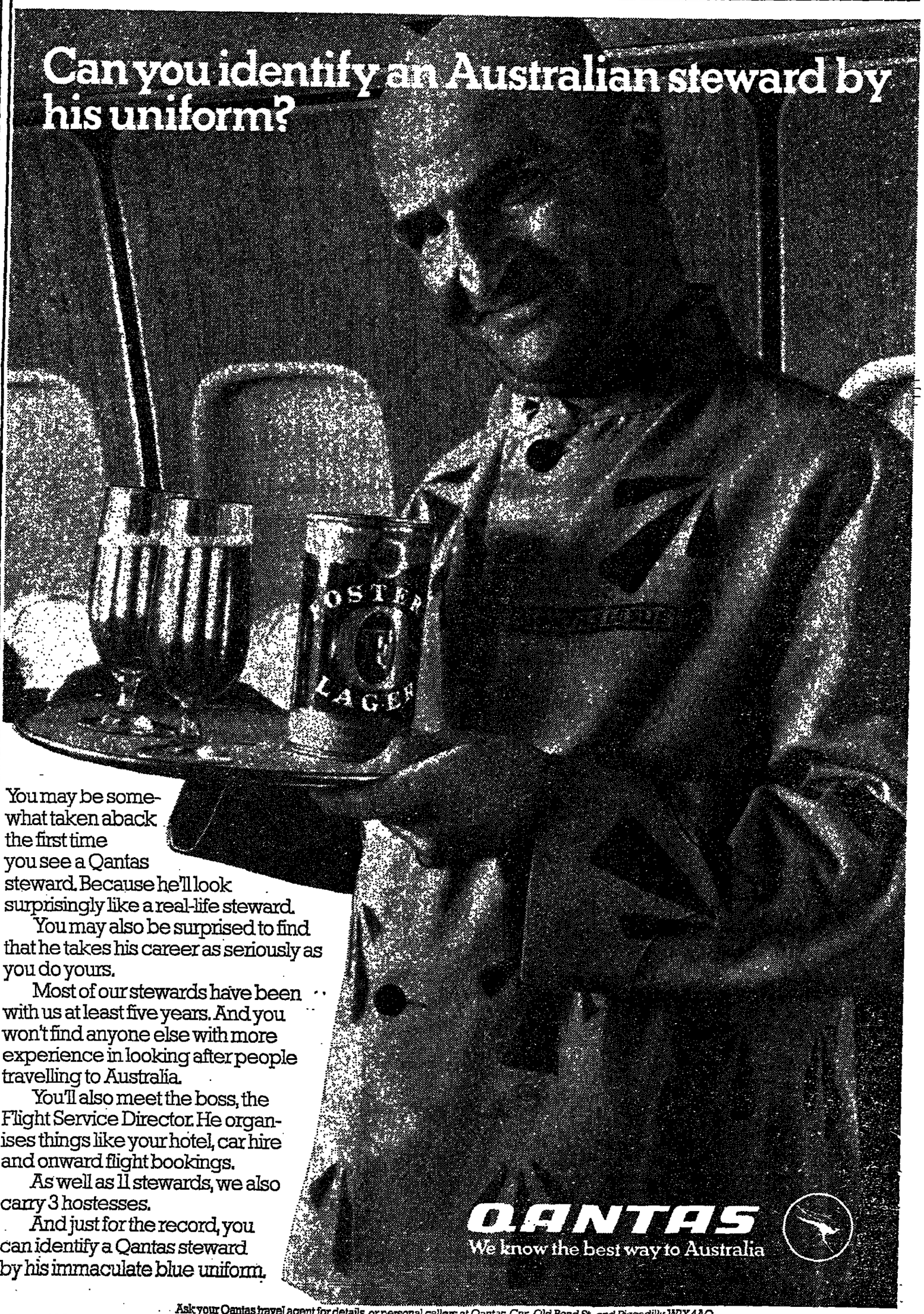
The most obvious answer looks like the British Invincible class 16,000 ton ships which will carry 10 Sea Kings and about five Sea Harriers. But the Australians have been looking also at American, Spanish and Italian shipyards—and the field remains open.

So does that for the tactical aircraft. Initially one squadron will be bought, while the Mirages, after a refurbishment programme, continue in service until the late 1980s. But more will be procured later. (Two of the three operational Mirage squadrons are still stationed at Butterworth in Malaysia.)

There are six possible replacements. One is the Mirage-2000 which must stand a good chance of winning the contract. Another is the Anglo-German Italian Tornado Air Defence Variant, and the others are all American, the F-15, F-16 and two versions of the F-18, the F-18A and the F-18L.

Yet another impending decision involves a new 155mm gun for the army, with the choice resting mainly with the Anglo-German-Italian FH-70 and an American gun.

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A sheep farmer does his rounding up on a motor cycle. Left: poultry farmers sell eggs and chic at Victoria Market, Melbourne.

# Farmers look to a brighter future

by John McIlwraith

The Australian farmer has been one of the continent's endangered species in recent years, beset by rapidly rising costs, falling returns, and a hostile climate. But with the adaptability of the vast land's original inhabitants, farmers have reacted with considerable flexibility, increasing productivity, devising new techniques, and in a form of natural selection, reducing their own numbers.

It is impossible, of course, to talk of "the typical farmer", in a country almost the size of the United States, with agriculture ranging from tropical (Queensland) to temperate Tasmania.

Contrasts of a different *kind emerge; sprawling* wheat farms of 8,000 acres, sugar and banana plantations of 20 acres, dairy farms of 50 acres, and cattle stations of a million acres. But if we can examine the mythical average Australian man on the land, we will find that his expectations in the near future are brighter than they have been for years.

A sharp increase in beef prices, more modest improvements in returns for wheat and wool, and a much better season have contributed to an expected increase of 22 per cent in real income in 1978-79. This figure, prepared by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural Economics, allows for expected inflation of 8 per cent. Gross returns to the farming sector will increase by 13 per cent, to $7,800m.

Farm costs (as distinct from community-wide inflation) are expected to rise by 7 per cent. The Australian farmer, once regarded as the archetypal Australian; *is now difficult to identify in* a national cross-section.

In a country with one of the most comfortable standards of living in the world, *and consequent high labour* costs, there is no future for labour-intensive agriculture. In recent years, as part of the adaptive process mentioned earlier, fewer people have been employed on the land. Australia has, paradoxically, almost always been highly urbanized (or more accurately, suburbanized). In the past quarter of a century this trend has accelerated.

Fewer people own bigger farms and employ machines instead of labour. This has wide ramifications in the country's political and social structure, but the rural survivors find little comfort in their hardiness. Rural products now contribute little more than 40 per cent of Australia's exports (a similar percentage to that of minerals). Twenty years ago farmers provided about 80 per cent of the country's exports earnings. Wool, once the dominant export, now returns about the same as just one mineral, coal.

This decline in agriculture's importance has been accompanied by disillusionment among farmers.

Yet the modern achievements have been impressive. Australian agricultural science and technology are among the world's best and have meant that a lone wheat and sheep farmer, running 4,000 acres with no regular help, is one of the most efficient Australians. Sitting in the air-conditioned, stereo-equipped cabin on a great machine, he is the ultimate in the productive agriculturist.

Australian farm products are highly competitive throughout the world if markets are open to them. But often a farmer is only just learning how to run a capital-intensive, complex business, worth perhaps half a million dollars. Growing things, he finds, is the easy part.

City Australians have always harboured the suspicion that farmers enjoyed a political influence out of all proportion to their numbers. Certainly the National Country Party, the junior member of the coalition which has governed Australia federally for most of the time since the Second World War, has skilfully argued the farmers' case.

And the party's reward for loyalty to the dominant Liberals (in Australia the Conservatives) was a generous number of ministerial posts. However, the Country Party's influence in *recent years has declined.* Even the fact that Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Liberal Prime Minister, is a wealthy farmer has not convinced most Australian farmers that they receive the attention they deserve.

But there are some comforting signs. The present Government reversed a trend launched by the Labour Party, in its brief term, in which many concessions for people in country areas were eroded. Farmers, too, enjoy considerable benefits under Australia's taxation system, which often annoys other Australian businessmen.

These range from generous *rebates related to producing primary products*, to schemes to smooth out the dips and bumps in a farmer's income. A plan introduced several years ago permits farmers who have a good year to deposit part of their income with the Government, thus avoiding paying tax on it. They withdraw this money later, perhaps when returns are poor, and pay the tax applicable in that year—presumably much less.

Australia's farmers' fortunes depend largely on the state of the world economy. It has always been so, but the point has been emphasized in recent years, when there have been bitter disputes with the Japanese over imports of sugar and beef and with the European Community, again over beef sales.

Prices for many Australian rural commodities, in real terms, have declined in recent years. (The corollary is that Australians have access to some of the cheapest food in the world.) The downward trend in prices for farmers has been arrested this year. Beef prices have risen at least 30 per cent over the past 18 months.

But there is a long way to go, and in the opinion of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, farmers will have to continue to increase their efficiency if they are to retain their position relative to the standard of living of the rest of the community.

The dynamics of the farming sector in recent years—fewer families running bigger properties, and in this way maintaining real incomes at reasonable levels—has brought some change to the landscape. But given even modest improvements in the world's industrial economies and further improvements in productivity, the Australian farmer can look forward to the next two or three years with more hope than he would have had a year ago.

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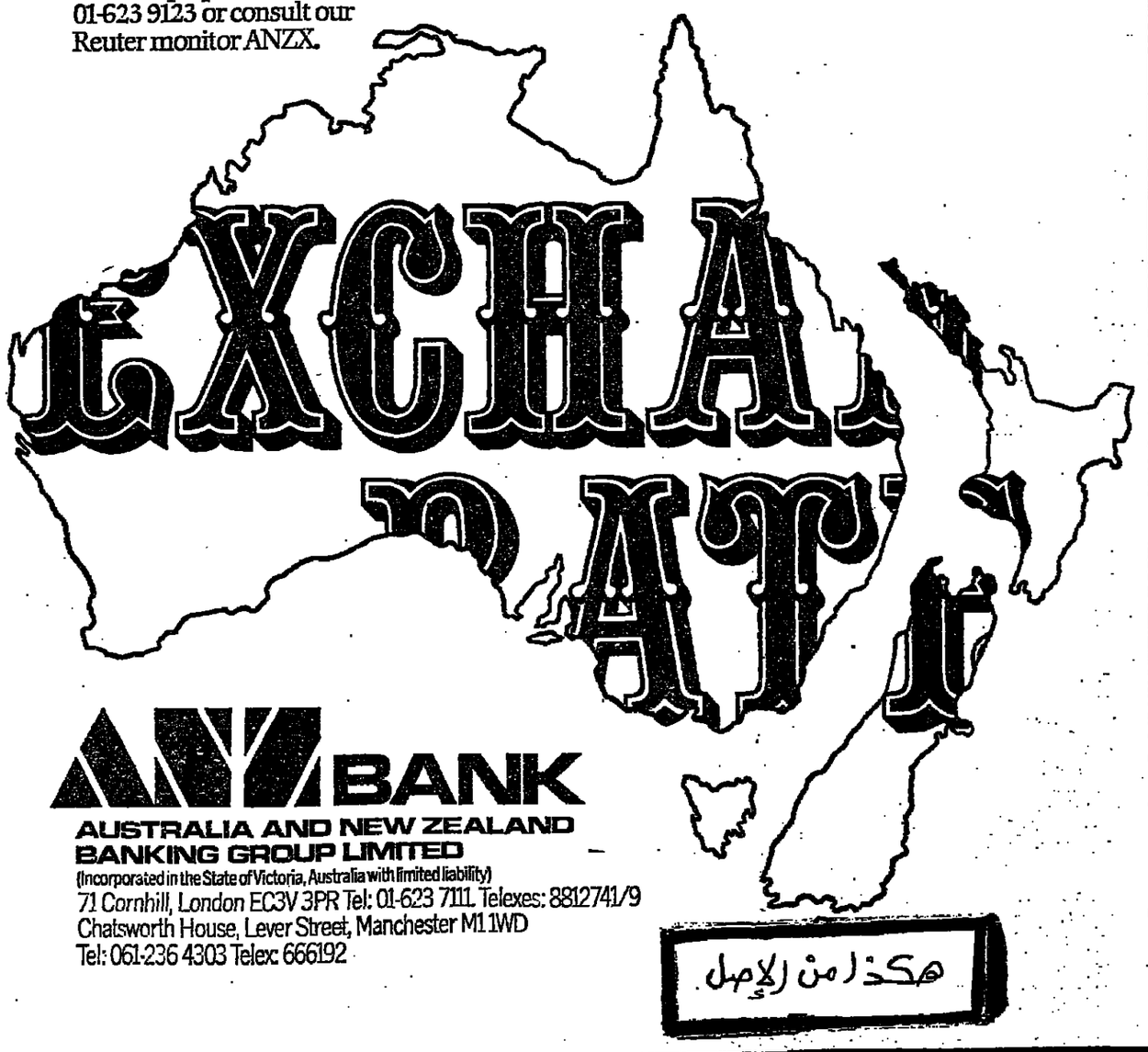
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# Most sociable people on earth

by Desmond Quigley

If hospitality is a measure of sociability, the Australians must be about the most sociable people on earth. Meals and beds are prepared for friends or strangers at the shortest notice.

This is partly because the country is hot and vast with few hotels, and hotel standards outside the big cities and tourist resorts are low.

Australians are conservative and yet informal (except on such occasions as the Perth races when women wear fur coats on a day like an English summer's day). Their conservative nature reinforces the tradition that if somebody turns up unexpectedly he must be provided for, while the informality qualifies this with "You find us as we are".

I arrived in an isolated mining town to find that the hotel—the only one for a couple of hundred miles—had double booked me and there was no room. One of the mine's managers immediately offered me accommodation. His wife did not turn a hair at my sudden appearance, and I was given full use of their house.

This easy-going attitude leads to much entertainment at home. Because of the climate and the informality barbecues are popular, particularly as they can be easily organized in a garden and do not need much preparation in the kitchen.

In the isolated mining communities, outdoor catering enables people to give large parties which help to overcome the sense of isolation.

But outdoor eating is not confined to barbecues. In Perth I had lunch on the roof garden of a private house, and the weather was superb as was the view over the Swan river. The meal consisted of four courses and included vichyssoise, lobster and marinated oranges, with generous quantities of good Western Australian white wine.

The guests included one of Australia's best business journalists, one of the country's foremost film directors, and a former Gurkha officer. The meal began at 12.30 and ended at 5.30 pm at least the conversation and postprandial quaffing did. The occasion was languid but the conversation frequently energetic, especially when it touched on politics and the Australian attitudes to art. The only reason that the lunch finally ended was that the hostess had to prepare a dinner party for that night.

In the cities there are many restaurants catering for just about every taste and serving many ethnic styles of cooking. (Many are unlicensed although in most cases the waiter will go *out to a bottle shop* if it is close.) Fish and crustacea are popular, although suspicions linger about oysters after the outbreak of food poisoning during the summer because of the polluting of the Sydney oyster beds.


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